



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2007 to 09/30/2007

### Shawnee 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:08/2007	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.					

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

**R9 - Eastern Region**

<b>Natural Areas Management</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Shimp (618) 658-2111 eshimp@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Prescribed burning and tree and shrub removal in natural areas.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Shawnee National Forest All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Saline, Union, Williamson. Forest-wide.					

#### Shawnee National Forest Hidden Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

**R9 - Eastern Region**

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<b>Shawnee National Forest Hidden Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Addendum to the Cistern and Well Closure Environmental Assessment</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Amendment to Southeastern Illinois Electric Coop Existing Special use Permit</b> CE <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Robert Monroe 618-658-2111 robertmonroe@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Remove and relocate existing electric lines on Forest land				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - Glendale Quadrangle # 32 sections 26 & 27, T12S, R5E. Northeast of the Dixon Springs Experiment Station (Ag. Center) along County Road 71 and Forest Road 1528 located at Glendale Quadrangle # 32 sections 26 & 27, T12S, R5E.					
<b>Cave Hill, Dennison Hollow, Stoneface, and Simpson Barrens Vegetation Management</b> CE <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special area management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	11/2007	Elizabeth Shimp 618-658-2111 eshimp@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Prescribe burn a total of 3550 acres around 4 natural areas and adjacent lands for vegetation management (other than forest products) and animal habitat improvement.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Johnson, Saline. Three areas within Saline County and one in Johnson County..					

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<b>Shawnee National Forest Hidden Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Harris Branch - Restoration of Hardwoods in Pine Stands</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/11/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Tom Neal (618) 658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Hardin. LEGAL - T11S, R8E, Section 24. Karbers Ridge, Cadiz Area.				
<b>Lake of Egypt North Prescribed Burn</b> CE	- Fuels management - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tom Neal (618) 658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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 .				
<b>Lake of Egypt South Prescribed Burn</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Lee Mine Hardwood Restoration</b> EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Tom Neal 618-658-2111 tneal@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Thinning of pine sands using commercial timber sales and prescribed fire to restore hardwood in non-native pine stands .				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Shawnee National Forest Hidden Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Lusk Creek Canoe Launch</b> EA	- Facility management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/15/2005 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2007	Expected:01/2008	04/2008	Robert Monroe 618-658-2111 robertmonroe@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construct a small parking lot and stream access ramp for launching small watercraft.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/environmental/nepa/sopa/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/environmental/nepa/sopa/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - T12S R6E Sec 16. Eddyville Blacktop adjacent to the Eddyville Bridge over Lusk Creek.					
<b>South Pope County Burning.</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> The South Pope burn consists of 21 different burn units totaling 4455 acres. The burning is to improve wildlife habitat and timber stands.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. Six miles SE of Dixon Springs Agricultural Center.				

<b>Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>AmerenCIPS Renew Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/29/2007	09/2007	Marlene Rivero 618-833-8576 mrivero@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal to issue a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization with AmerenCIPS.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Jackson, Union. Various locations throughout the Mississippi Bluffs RD.				

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<b>Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Atwood Ridge, Ozark Hill Prairie and Opossum Trot Trail Natural Area Management</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	02/2008	Steve Widowski 618-833-8576 swidowski@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The project includes prescribed burning about 3,000 acres and 100-200 acres of selective tree and shrub removal in barrens and dry woodland communities.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Union. Atwood Ridge, Ozark Hill Prairie and Opossum Trot Trail Natural Area and surrounding areas.					
<b>Big Muddy River Bottoms Habitat Improvement</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/21/2005	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Steve Widowski 618-833-8576 swidowski@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Regeneration of bottomland oak forest and expansion of flooded compartments at Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/environmental/nepa/sopa/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/environmental/nepa/sopa/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - T10S, T11S, R4E, R3W. Along the Big Muddy River in Jackson County.					
<b>Broken Wheel Equestrian Outfitter Special-Use Permit</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	09/2007	Marlene Rivero 618-833-8576 mrivero@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This permit would allow the applicant to operate an equestrian campground near the River-to-River trail and the Bald Knob/Clear Spring Wildernesses. The permittee will agree to specific measures to protect resources.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T11SR 2 and 3. Near the River-to-River trail and the Bald Knob/Clear Spring Wildernesses..					

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<b>Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>LaRue-Pine Hills/Otter Pond Natural Area Management</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	02/2008	Steve Widowski 618-833-8576 swidowski@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The project includes prescribed burning on approximately 4,000 acres and approximately 100-200 acres of selective tree and shrub removal in limestone and gravel barrens and dry-woodland communities to maintain ecological diversity.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Union. LaRue-Pine Hills/Otter Pond Natural Area and surrounding area.				
<b>Lincoln Memorial Interpretation Site Improvements</b> CE	- Facility management - Heritage resource management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Dan Lentz 618-833-8576 dlentz@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/</a>				
<b>NATRC - Annual Trail Ride Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Marlene Rivero 618-833-8576 mrivero@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. Johnson Creek Recreation Area and trails near Kinkaid Lake..					

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<b>Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Natural Gas Pipeline Permit Ammendment</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	Marlene Rivero 618-833-8576 mrivero@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Amend an existing permit to include a communication tower on about 0.2 of an acre within their existing permit area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - 9 ESouth 3 West section 20. East side of Route 3 north east of Gorham.					
<b>Prescribed Fire for Improvement of Wildlife Habitat and Urban Interface</b> EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Scott Crist 618-687-1731 scrist@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Five separate prescribed burning projects, totaling about 23,400 acres (about 4,800 acres each). The projects are spread across the District.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/environmental/nepa/sopa/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/environmental/nepa/sopa/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson, Johnson, Pulaski, Union, Williamson. Lands administered by the ranger district.					
<b>Verizon North, Inc. Renew Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/04/2007	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	Marlene Rivero 618-833-8576 mrivero@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issue a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization with Verizon Telephone. Inc.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Jackson, Union. Various loction throughout the Mississippi Bluffs RD.				

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