



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2008 to 09/30/2008

### Shawnee National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Projects Occurring Nationwide</b>					
<b>National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule</b>  EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 04/09/2008	04/2008	Gina Owens 202-205-1187 gowens@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2008_planning_rule.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2008_planning_rule.html</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - All units of the National Forest System. Agency-wide.					
<b>Shawnee National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Non-Native Invasive Species Management</b>  EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/2008	Expected:11/2008	12/2008	Steve Hupe 618-253-7114 shupe@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Forest-wide assessment of the management of non-native invasive species. Potential treatments include pulling, hand-torching, controlled burns, and herbicides.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Shawnee National Forest All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, Williamson. Forest-wide.				
<b>Southern Illinois Electric Coop Permit Renewal</b>  CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Marlene Rivero 618-833-8576 mrivero@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Renew and combine several permits into one permit within the district or across the district boundaries, as appropriate for efficient management.				
	<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 - Shawnee National Forest All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, Williamson. Forest-wide.					

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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>Cave Hill, Dennison Hollow, Stoneface, and Simpson Barrens Vegetation Management</b> EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/08/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2008	Expected:11/2008	02/2009	Elizabeth Shimp 618-658-2111 eshimp@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Prescribe burn a total of about 3600 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.					
<b>Dutchman Lake Water Main Extesion</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	08/2008	Robert Monroe 618-658-2111 robertmonroe@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lake Egypt Water District is proposing a water main extension that would cross Forest land. The pipes would be 6" and 4" PVC pipes to serve additional customers near Dutchman Lake.				
	<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. LEGAL - T11S R3E sections 29&32 and T12S R 3E sections 4,5,8,9,17&20. Along existing county road near Dutchman Lake.					
<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:11/2008	12/2008	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>Lusk Creek Canoe Launch</b> EA	- Facility management - Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					

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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>Private Property Access Road</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	Robert Monroe 618-658-2111 robertmonroe@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> James Hamel has requested an access drive for about 200 feet across 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 - Hardin. LEGAL - T11S R10E section 34. Hardin County.					
<b>Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative - Electric line installation.</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	08/2008	Robert Monroe 618-658-2111 robertmonroe@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> SEIEC proposes to install new electric lines across FS land to private property, and upgrade and replace a three distribution lines to the village of Glendale.				
	<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 - Hardin, Pope. LEGAL - T14S, R6E, Section 19 in the SW1/4, NW1/4, and T11S, R9E, Section 9, NW <, S/W <, and T13S, R5E, Section 16 N/W <, NW <. Pope and Hardin County.					

<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 Oppossum Trot Trail Natural Area Management</b> EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/08/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2008	Expected:12/2008	02/2009	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 Oppossum Trot Trail Natural Area and surrounding areas.					

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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>Buttermilk Hill / Talbott Hollow Blowdown Project</b> EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/24/2008	Expected:08/2008	10/2008	Scott Crist 618-687-1731 scrist@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> To reduce fire risk and restore healthy ecosystems, the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District of the Shawnee National Forest proposes to burn about 5400 acres of Forest land and private land in the Buttermilk Hill/Talbott Hollow Blowdown Project.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/scoping/2008/butter-talb/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/projects/projects/scoping/2008/butter-talb/</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. Bounded on the south by State Highway 3, bounded on the east by Kinkaid Lake, bounded on the north by Gum Ridge Rd and Dry Hill Rd, bounded on the west by Logan Hollow Rd.					
<b>Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Special Use Permit renewal</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/27/2008	06/2008	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 permit with Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association an REA. The proposed permit would be issued for a 50-year term.				
	<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. Various locations throughout Jackson County of the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District.					
<b>Hutchins Creek Habitat Improvement Modification</b> CE	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:09/2008	11/2009	Michael Welker 618-253-1020 mtwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The project includes modifications to existing stream habitat improvement structures on Hutchins Creek in Union County. Minor modifications will be made to existing structures to help facilitate natural vegetation and stabilization of stream banks.				
	<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 - R3W, T11S. S36. Hutchins Creek adjacent to Qualls Tract in Union County.					

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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>Lincoln Memorial Interpretation Site Improvements</b> CE	- Facility management - Heritage resource management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2007	Expected:09/2008	09/2008	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>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Union. Lincoln Memorial Interpretation Site - Jonesboro, IL.					
<b>Natural Gas Pipeline Permit Amendment</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/22/2008	05/2008	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>Possum Road Maintenance and Repair</b> CE	- Road management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 06/10/2008	06/2008	Michael Welker 618-253-1049 mtwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The project includes maintenance and repair of an existing Forest Service Road to facilitate shoreline stabilization at Kinkaid Lake, including installing some concrete pads for moving rock.				
	<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 - R3W, T8S. S18 and 19. Possum Road leading to Lake Kinkaid in Jackson County .					
<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.					

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<b>Skeeter Park/Worthen Bayou Wetlands</b> CE	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/12/2007	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Steve Widowski 618-833-8576 swidowski@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The project includes construction of 2 small earthen levees and water control structures in 2 existing drainage ditches to restore a more natural hydrologic condition on approximately 30 acres of bottomland forest in southwestern Jackson County				
	<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 - T9S R3W sec 17, 19, 20, 29. On east and west sides of Rt. 3, about 2 miles north of Gorham turn off.					
<b>Verizon North, Inc. Renew Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/04/2007	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	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 location throughout the Mississippi Bluffs RD.				

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