



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2007 to 06/30/2007

### Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

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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.					

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#### R9 - Eastern Region

<b>Bailey Bridge Interim Trail and Phase III Public Access</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:05/2007	07/2007	Marta Witt 815-423-6370 mlwitt@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Designating an additional 1.8 miles of interim recreational trails for public use by connecting to an existing road and another interim trail. The Interim trail will add an additional 808 acres open to public access.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. On the East and Northeast areas of Midewin.					
<b>Construction of Three Parking Lots</b> EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/23/2006	Expected:04/2007	07/2007	Richard Short 815-423-6370 rshort@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Construct a gravel parking area at Klingler Cemetery. Construct a gravel parking lot at the intersection of Drummond and Baseline roads. Construct a parking lot and trailhead at the intersection of Hoff Rd. and the Wauponsee Glacial Trail.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. LEGAL - Hoff Rd. parking: T34N, R11E, Section 31; Klingler parking:T33N, R11E, Section 6; Drummond Rd. parking: T34N, R10E, Section 24. East & west sides of Midewin.					

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<b>Continued Agricultural Use</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management - Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 03/05/2007	04/2007	Renee Thakali 815-423-6370 , 815-423-2114 rthakali@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> To continue the use of authorized cattle grazing, row crops, and hay cutting on Midewin in effort to control invasive vegetation habitats.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. The authorized activities will take place on approximately 5,200 acres of land on Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.				
<b>Increase Vigor of Native Vegetative Rosa setigera Bushes around Admin Sites.</b> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 10/02/2006	10/2006	Renee Thakali 815-423-6370 , 815-423-2114 rthakali@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The application of chemicals to increase the bloom period, growth, and aesthetics of the Rosa setigera.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin Admin Office Site.				
<b>Interim Group Campground</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special area management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:08/2007	08/2007	Marta Witt 815-423-6370 mlwitt@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Designating an interim location for the Midewin Group Campground for volunteers participating in major restoration and recreation projects. Project will include temp. facilities to support a group ranging from 15 to 50 people for a week at a time.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. LEGAL - T34N, R10E, Section 31. Adjacent to new Iron Bridge Trailhead Parking lot.				
<b>Iron Bridge Trailhead and River Road Turn Lanes</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:06/2007	06/2008	Robert Hommes 815-423-6370 rhommes@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of turn lanes on Illinois State Route 53 to access the new Iron Bridge Trailhead and on River Road at the Boathouse Road intersection.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. LEGAL - T34N, R10E, Section 31 and T33N, R9E, Sections 14&15. Illinois State Route 53 just north of railroad bridge at Blodgett Road intersection and River Road at Boathouse Road intersection. .				

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<b>Middle Grant Creek Restoration Extension</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Land management planning</li> </ul>	Completed	Actual: 02/02/2007	05/2007	Renee Thakali 815-423-6370 , 815-423-2114 rthakali@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Extension of the existing project boundary line south to Old School House Road. The extension will include an additional 120 acres of land with the same physical characteristics as the initial project boundaries.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. The restoration area is located on the West side of in the Middle Grant Creek area..				
<b>Midewin Prairie Plan Amendment</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Land management planning</li> </ul>	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Renee Thakali 815-423-6370 , 815-423-2114 rthakali@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Amendment to implement special management considerations for new Army land transfers and utility corridors.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie: prairie-wide.				
<b>Midewin Prairie-Wide Habitat Maintenance</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Grazing management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> </ul>	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/04/2006	Expected:07/2007	07/2007	William Glass 815-423-6370 Ext. 218 wglass@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Maintain existing desired natural vegetation communities. Protect restoration investments and improve restored areas to provide habitat for grassland birds. Control invasive plant species.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin NTP: prairie-wide.				

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<b>Phase II Demolition of Unneeded and Unsafe Facilities and Structures</b> EA	- Land ownership management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/15/2006	Expected:10/2007	01/2008	William Mains 815-423-6370 Ext. 233 , 815-423-2137 wmains@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Demolition of deteriorating structures on former Joliet Army Ammunition Plant lands under Forest Service jurisdiction.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/forcomment.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/forcomment.htm</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin NTP - east and west sides.					
<b>Woody Habitat Restoration</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	William Glass 815-423-6370 Ext. 218 wglass@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Remove fragmenting invasive vegetation for grassland bird habitat improvements and restore natural habitats.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin NTP - dispersed locations.				

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