



**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**  
07/01/2007 to 09/30/2007

**Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie**

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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: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.				

Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
Bailey Bridge Interim Trail and Phase III Public Access CE	- Recreation management - Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 05/31/2007	06/2007	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>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm</a>				
Construction of Three Parking Lots EA	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 05/14/2007	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>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midwin 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 Midwin.					

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<b>Interim Group Campground</b> CE	- Special area management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Marta Witt 815-423-6370 mlwitt@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Designating an interim location for the Midwin 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>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midwin 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	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2007	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 - Midwin 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.				
<b>Midwin Prairie Plan Amendment</b> EA	- Land management planning	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 07/14/2006	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	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>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm</a>				
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<b>Midewin Prairie-Wide Habitat Maintenance</b> EA	- Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/04/2006	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	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>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm">http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin NTP: prairie-wide.					
<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)	Cancelled	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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