



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

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:10/2007	10/2007	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.					
National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	Kevin Lawrence 202-205-2613 klawrence01@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2007_planning_rule.html					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - All units of the National Forest System. Agency-wide.					

Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R9 - Eastern Region

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Interim Group Campground CE	- Special area management - Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/31/2007	08/2007	Marta Witt 815-423-6370 mlwitt@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm				
Location: UNIT - Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. LEGAL - T33N, R9E, Section 1. At the old temporary Hot Shot base located north of Explosives Rd and west of State Route 53.					
Iron Bridge Trailhead and River Road Turn Lanes CE	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2007	Expected:12/2007	06/2008	Robert Hommes 815-423-6370 rhommes@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				
Midwin Prairie Plan Amendment EA	- Land management planning	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/18/2006	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	Renee Thakali 815-423-6370 , 815-423-2114 rthakali@fs.fed.us
	Description: Amendment to implement special management considerations for new Army land transfers and utility corridors.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm				
Location: UNIT - Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie: prairie-wide.					

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Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
Midewin Prairie-Wide Habitat Maintenance EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management - Fuels management 	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
	Description: Maintain existing desired natural vegetation communities. Protect restoration investments and improve restored areas to provide habitat for grassland birds. Control invasive plant species.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/status.htm				
Location: UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin NTP: prairie-wide.					
Phase II Demolition of Unneeded and Unsafe Facilities and Structures EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Land ownership management 	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/15/2006	Expected:11/2007	01/2008	William Mains 815-423-6370 Ext. 233 , 815-423-2137 wmains@fs.fed.us
	Description: Demolition of deteriorating structures on former Joliet Army Ammunition Plant lands under Forest Service jurisdiction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp/nepa/forcomment.htm				
Location: UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin NTP - east and west sides.					

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