



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2008 to 06/30/2008

Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2008 10/11/2007	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	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/15/2008	Expected:03/2008	03/2008	Gina Owens 202-205-1187 gowens@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/2008_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.					

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R9 - Eastern Region

Accessible Hunting Blind Construction CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	06/2008	Richard Short 815-423-6370 rshort@fs.fed.us
Description: Construct wood frame accessible hunting blind. Blind will be 8' x 6' with an accessible ramp of 20 feet. Accessible trail will be constructed leading to the blind.					
Location: UNIT - Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. East of Parking Area 1 approximately 200 feet then south 115 feet located in a woodland area.					

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Cattle Watering Systems EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2008	Expected:12/2008	04/2009	Jeffrey Tepp 815-423-2164 jtepp@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop several cattle ponds and wells to provide water for cattle watering and to provide wetland wildlife habitat.				
	Location: UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. East of State Route 53 in identified grazing allotments.				
Iron Bridge Trailhead and River Road Turn Lanes CE	- Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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 - 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 on River Road at Boathouse Road intersection.				
Midewin Prairie Plan Amendment EA	- Land management planning	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/18/2006	Expected:04/2008	05/2008	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 - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie: prairie-wide.					

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Midewin Prairie-Wide Habitat Maintenance EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants 	Completed	Actual: 03/07/2008	04/2008	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"> - Land ownership management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) 	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/15/2006	Expected:05/2008	07/2008	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.					
River Road Seed Production Area Tree Removal CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2008	Expected:06/2008	07/2008	William Glass 815-423-6370 Ext. 218 wglass@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of invasive trees and shrubs (including those larger than 6" diameter) within the seed production area. The spread of invasive trees and shrubs are making seed harvest difficult and disturbing seed beds.				
	Location: UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. LEGAL - T33N, R9E sections 15 and 14. River Road Seed Production Area.				

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