



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2008 to 09/30/2008

### Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie

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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>Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Accessible Hunting Blind Construction</b>  CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2008	Expected:08/2008	08/2008	Richard Short 815-423-6370 rshort@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/forest-level.php?110915">http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/forest-level.php?110915</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. LEGAL - T33N, R9E, Section 15. East of Parking Area 1 approximately 200 feet then south 115 feet located in a woodland area.					
<b>Cattle Watering Systems</b>  EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2008	Expected:04/2009	06/2009	Jeffrey Tepp 815-423-2164 jtepp@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Develop several cattle ponds and wells to provide water for cattle watering and to provide wetland wildlife habitat.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/forest-level.php?110915">http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/forest-level.php?110915</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. East of State Route 53 in identified grazing allotments.					

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<b>Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Midewin Prairie Plan Amendment</b> EA	- Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 06/26/2008	08/2008	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>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Will. Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie: 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:07/2008	09/2008	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>River Road Seed Production Area Tree Removal</b> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	William Glass 815-423-6370 Ext. 218 wglass@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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