



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2007 to 06/30/2007

Monongahela National Forest

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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:07/2007	08/2007	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.					

Monongahela National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R9 - Eastern Region

Outdoor Adventures, Ltd. Outfitter/Guide CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/09/2007	03/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to outfit and guide on existing roads and trails of the Forest.					
Location: UNIT - Monongahela National Forest All Units. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker. Allegheny Trail; Blue Bend Area; Middle Mountain and Lake Sherwood Area; Laurel Creek Area; Highland Scenic Highway Parkway Section; North Fork Mountain Area; Spruce Knob Area; Canaan Mountain; etc..					

Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R9 - Eastern Region

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Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
New Outfitter/Guide Permit Requests CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/02/2007	03/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposals submitted by various outfitter/guides for authorization to hike, backpack, horseback ride, canoe, raft, fish, hunt, etc. in various locations of the National Forest.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Greenbrier Ranger District, Marlinton Ranger District, Potomac Ranger District, Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Webster. Various locations as described in submitted applications.				
WV Department of Highway Temporary Road Right-of-Way Proposals CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2007	Expected:05/2007	06/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposals to construct and use two temporary road right-of-ways on NFS lands (with bridges) while WVDOH repairs/replaces bridges on existing highways.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Tucker. Bussard Bridge across Knapps Creek, near WV/VA line; Maxwell Run Bridge near Camp Horseshoe.				

Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Allegheny Wood Product Easement EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/23/2005 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2007	Expected:05/2007	09/2007	Bill Shields (304) 636-1800 (287) comments-eastern-monongahela-potomac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to grant an easement for private access to an isolated parcel in Blackwater Canyon.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. Olson Opportunity Area 16.102, Canyon-Rim OA 13.009, Mozark OA 16.103, and Canaan Mountain OA 16.202.				

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Blackburn Road Right-of-Way and Water Line Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2007	Expected:04/2007	04/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to use and maintain an existing road to access private property as well as to use and maintain an existing springbox and water distribution line for domestic water supply.					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. U.S. Tract 167 near Rattlesnake Run and off SR 6.					
Gandy Creek Dispersed Horse Camp EA	- Watershed management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	09/2007	Julie Fosbender 304-257-4488 Ext 14 comments-eastern-monongahela-potomac@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to create a low level dispersed camp for recreational horse users.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm					
Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. Along Gandy Creek, Phares Knob Opportunity Area 53.008.					
Hogback Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	10/2007	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern-monongahela-cheat@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to implement vegetation management projects, including timber harvest, and associated road activities to help meet Forest Plan direction for the area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Preston, Tucker. From Parsons north to Horseshoe Run, in northern Tucker and southern Preston Counties, West Virginia..					

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Horseshoe Grapevine Removal CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 01/31/2007	01/2007	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern-monongahela-cheat@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to manually remove grapevines from approximately 2,500 acres to emphasize the production of hard mast and large, high quality hardwood trees.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Preston, Tucker. Horseshoe area in Tucker County and southern Preston County, WV.				
Horseshoe Recreation Area CE	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2005	Expected:06/2007	07/2007	Carol Whetsell 304-478-3251 ext 105 cwhetsell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to update old facilities and provide new facilities accessible to those with disabilities at the Horseshoe Recreation Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. 1 mile SW of Lead Mine, along Horseshoe Run.				
Lower Clover Wildlife Savannah and Openings CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	Theresa Evans 304-478-2000 ext.136 comments-eastern-monongahela-cheat@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to create a 10 acre savannah for wildlife and expand existing wildlife openings by 3 acres. These areas would be planted with grass and forb species to provide forage and ground cover.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. Within the Lower Clover watershed.				

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Mike Ross Inc. Permit Proposal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/09/2007	03/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal requesting a special use permit to operate and maintain the existing gas pipeline that has been under permit to Dominion Exploration and Production and which Mike Ross Inc. recently purchased.					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. near Bowden, WV.					
Nine Pipeline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2007	Expected:06/2007	07/2007	Deb Sholly 304-456-3335 ext. 114 dsholly@fs.fed.us
Description: Construction, operation, and maintenance of 1.52 miles of natural gas pipeline, along with associated waterline and telephone line on National Forest System lands.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. Cheat/Potomac Ranger District, Tucker County, West Virginia.					
Plymouth State University and Greater Manchester YMCA - Outfitter/Guides CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/27/2007	03/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: Plymouth State proposal to outfit/guide backpacking on existing trails in the Otter Creek and Dolly Sods Wilderness and Dolly Sods North. Greater Manchester proposal to outfit/guide rock climbing at Seneca Rocks.					
Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton, Randolph, Tucker. Otter Creek and Dolly Sods Wilderness, Dolly Sods North, Seneca Rocks.					

Monongahela National Forest		Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region
Fisherman's Trail Bridge Construction CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tim Henry (304) 799-4334 comments-eastern-monongahela-gauley@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposed construction of a trail bridge to cross the Cranberry River to access the Fisherman's Trail from FR 76					
Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Webster. LEGAL - U.S. Tract #372. Fisherman's Trail #231, terminus at Cranberry River.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Kennison Mountain Trail Bridge Construction CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tim Henry (304) 799-4334 comments-eastern-monongahela-gauley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed construction of a trail bridge to cross the Cranberry River to access the Kennison Mountain Trail from FR 102				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - US Tract #372. Kennison Mountain Trail @244, terminus at Cranberry River.				
Lower Williams EIS EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/03/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2007	Expected:09/2007	11/2007	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation Management in MP 3.0 to create early successional forest habitat and permanent openings, reduce the amount of competition between trees for light and water resources, and regenerate shade-intolerant species and diverse forest age classes				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Webster. The project area is within the Williams River watershed near Dyer, West Virginia, in Webster County. The project area includes every part of the Williams River watershed that is included w/in MP 3.0.				

Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Barton Road Right-of-Way CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/09/2007	03/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to use and maintain an existing road off SR 37/3 near Valley Bend, WV, to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. off SR 37/3 near Valley Bend, WV.				

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Monongahela National Forest		Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region
Glady Methanol Injection System CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/03/2006	Expected:06/2007	06/2007	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern-monongahela-greenbrier@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to install a pressurized methanol injection system for natural gas lines, within existing road or pipeline right of way.				
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Randolph. Glady Natural Gas Storage Field in Pocahontas and Randolph Counties, WV.				
Little Beech Mountain EA	- Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 01/16/2007	03/2007	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern-monongahela-greenbrier@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to implement vegetation management projects, including timber harvest, and associated road activities to help meet Forest Plan direction for the area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm				
Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. It is located along Middle Mountain less than one mile from Glady, WV. .					
Ramshorn EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Grazing management - Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/28/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern-monongahela-greenbrier@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to implement vegetation management projects, including timber harvest and associated road activities, along with grazing allotment management, to help meet Forest Plan direction for the area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm				
Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Approximately three miles east of Greenbanks Observatory..					

Monongahela National Forest	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one	R9 - Eastern Region
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Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one				R9 - Eastern Region
Marlinton Range Grazing Allotments EA *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:09/2007	11/2007	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
Description: Maintenance and improvements to four range grazing allotments on the Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District					
Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. All four allotments proposed for NEPA analysis are located in Pocahontas county within a 10-15 miles of the Marlinton Ranger Station.					
Middle Mountain Savannah Stewardship End Result Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/22/2006	Expected:11/2006	04/2007	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
Description: Creation of five savannah areas, on approximately 27 acres, by removing stumps and piling debris from the harvested trees.					
Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District, White Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Anthony creek and Knapp creek watersheds about 10 miles south of Minnehaha Springs, WV, along Middle Mountain Trail (Trail 608)..					
Smith Addition Land Sale (Lots 13 and 14) CE	- Land acquisition	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/16/2006	Expected:02/2007	03/2007	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
Description: The FS is proposing to sell two bare land lots (lots are approximately .26 acres each, in size) suitable as building sites for single family residences. The propoerties will be sold under competitive bidding procedures.					
Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Lands are located on Smith and Circle Streets in the Smith Addition of the Town of Marlinton, Marlinton Corporation District, Pocahontas County, WV.					
Upper Williams Watershed Improvement EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
Description: Improve watershed conditions through stream improvement projects including road storage, road abandonment, placement of large woody debris, planting in riparian corridors, construction of stream structures, and armoring of drainage channels.					
Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Upper Williams Watershed.					

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