



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2007 to 09/30/2007

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:08/2007	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

Verizon West Virginia, Inc. Telephone Line CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/28/2007	07/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: Bell Atlantic-West Virginia, Inc. changed their name and a permit needs to be issued and the term extended to Verizon West Virginia, Inc.					
Location: UNIT - Monongahela National Forest All Units. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pendleton, Randolph. Various locations across the Monongahela National Forest..					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

WV Department of Highway Temporary Road Right-of-Way Proposals CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/28/2007	07/2007	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.					

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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 11/2007	Expected:11/2007	01/2008	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.					
Blackburn Road Right-of-Way and Water Line Permit CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/16/2007	07/2007	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 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	02/2008	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.					

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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 08/2007	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..				
Horseshoe Recreation Area CE	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2005	Expected:08/2007	10/2007	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 10/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	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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Nine Pipeline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	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.				
WV Division of Forestry Communication Site CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/28/2007	07/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: The WVDOF has requested to use an existing communication tower and building on Stuart Knob. WV Division of Natural Resources has had a permit for these facilities but no longer needs them.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. Top of Stuart Knob near Elkins, WV..				
Wild and Wonderful LLC CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:07/2007	07/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: Proposal to outfit and guide hiking and backpacking on existing roads and trails of the Cheat/Potomac Ranger District. Some use in wilderness is proposed.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton, Randolph, Tucker. Trails within and around the Otter Creek and Dolly Sods Wildernesses as well as the North Fork Trail.				

Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Brooks/Lewis Proposal CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/28/2007	06/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: An existing permit holder has sold their property, and the new owner wants a permit so he may use the existing septic system on National Forest System lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Webster. US Tract 372 along the Williams River near Dyer, WV..				

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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.				
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	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/03/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	01/2008	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
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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	Completed	Actual: 06/22/2007 06/22/2007	07/2007	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.					
Ramshorn EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Grazing management - Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/26/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2007	Expected:01/2008	03/2008	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 District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one			R9 - Eastern Region	
Marlinton Range Grazing Allotments EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/27/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	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.					

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Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one				R9 - Eastern Region
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 Actual: 02/23/2007	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.				
Snowshoe Hare CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/2007	Expected:11/2007	01/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern- monongahela- cheat@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat improvement project for snowshoe hare.				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Upper Williams watershed, Pocahontas County.				

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Upper Williams Watershed Improvement EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/2007	Expected:12/2007	04/2008	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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