



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2008 to 09/30/2008

Monongahela National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 04/09/2008	04/2008	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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Allegheny Wood Product Easement EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/22/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2008	Expected:05/2008	04/2008	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.					
Berry Energy, Inc. B-800 Natural Gas Pipeline CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/13/2008	Expected:08/2008	08/2008	Linda Tracy 304-636-1800, ext 275 comments-eastern-monongahela@fs.fed.us
Description: Use of National Forest Ssystem lands for natural gas pipeline right-of-way.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - US Tract 1. McGowen to Fork Mountain Areas of Tucker County, approximately 3 miles south of Parsons, WV.					

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Existing Warner Road Right-of-Way CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/27/2008	07/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: New property owners requesting to use an existing road through National Forest System lands that was under permit to Roy Warner for access to his private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton. East side of North Mountain, U.S. Tract 911d.				
Hogback Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/10/2007	Expected:08/2008	10/2008	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:09/2008	10/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488, ext 24 kvollmer@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.				

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Management of Eight Grazing Allotments in the Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/27/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488, ext 24 kvollmer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Management of these eight allotments: Allegheny; Alvin Shreve; Andy Champ; Grant Alt; Hartman Heirs; Mallow Tract; Mowery-Glover; and Smokehole-Champ.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/proposed_projects/proposed_index.htm				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Pendleton. Within the Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area.				
Renewal of Timberline permit. EA	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/07/2008	Expected:07/2008	08/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 kvollmer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed reauthorization for use of non-system trails on the Forest: Salamander Run, a connector trail from Salamander Run to what used to be referred to as "FR 80" and the segment of "FR 80" on NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. National Forest System lands adjacent to Timberline Four Seasons Resort's land near Dolly Sods Wilderness.				
Straub/Lowther Proposal CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/18/2008	06/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal from new landowner to use an existing spring and water distribution line on National Forest System lands that was previously used/authorized under permit to Mrs. Straub, who has since sold her property.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. U.S. Tract 1403A (Showalter Tract).				
White Existing Cultivation Permit CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/18/2008	06/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to authorize William White to cultivate hay on U.S. Tract 38b in Randolph County, WV. His father currently has the authorization for this use.				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. U.S. Tract 38b.				

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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.				
Gauley District Spruce Habitat Enhancement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/06/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 jbard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Manually reduce the basal area of 18-20 year old sapling and pole sized red spruce on 60 acres to encourage growth of codominant red spruce; create snags on 340 acres (up to 15 snags/acre) in stands adjacent to the 18-20 year old red spruce.				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. The project area is within Pocahontas county, adjacent to county road 29/4 and FR 731 and FR 232.				
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.				

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Lower Williams EIS EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/13/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2008	Expected:08/2008	01/2009	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.				
Lower Williams Terrestrial Liming Project EA	- Minerals and Geology - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/06/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2008	Expected:10/2008	02/2009	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Gauley Ranger District of the Monongahela National Forest (MNF) is proposing to apply lime to an estimated 2,400 terrestrial acres in the Lower Williams EIS project area.				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Webster. The Lower Williams River Soil Liming Project Area consists of 14,397 acres within the Webster County between the mouth of the Williams River and the Three Forks of Williams watershed.				
Music Run Wildlife Opening Maintenance Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/31/2007	Expected:08/2008	10/2008	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to enhance 20 acres of wildlife openings. The enhance activities would include re-vegetating grassy openings with native species and eliminating non-native vegetation, using tractor(s) and other mechanical equipment.				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Nicholas. The project area is within Nicholas County off of county road 94/4 near Forest Road 907. All enhancement work would occur on National Forest System.				

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Webster County 4H Camp Renewal CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/27/2008	07/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to continue using and maintaining Camp Casear Dam and picnic shelter.					
Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Webster. Near Cowen, WV.					
Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Dr. Sharp Old Spruce Road Right-of-Way CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2008	Expected:07/2008	07/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to use existing right-of-way to access private property in the Old Spruce Area of the Greenbrier Ranger District.					
Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Old Spruce, WV.					
Fansler Road Right of Way CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	08/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 (219) lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to use the West Fork Trail to access Mr. Fansler's private property near Glady, WV.					
Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. West Fork Trail from Glady, WV to the Fansler's property.					
Ramshorn CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/28/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern- monongahela- greenbrier@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to implement vegetation management projects, including timber stand improvement and prescribed fire, 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.					

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WV Mountain Trail Runners Cheat Mountain 50 Mile Trail Run CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/16/2008	08/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request to hold a 50 mile ultrarunning event at night on existing roads and trails of the Monongahela National Forest.				
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. The proposed course contains FR 92, Yokum Ridge Trail (TR 372), FR 188, Turkey Hunter Trail (TR364), Crouch Ridge Trail (TR362), FR 49, Shavers Fork Trail (TR366), Whitmeadow Trail (TR361), Stonecoal T.				
West Fork Rail Trail Maintenance & Improvement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2008	Expected:08/2008	08/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488, ext 24 comments-eastern- monongahela- greenbrier@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintain/improve trails; inspect + maybe repair railroad tunnel; replace vehicle gates; repair/improve access point parking + dispersed camping; provide foot bridge at Iron Bridge; improve directional + interpretive signing.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm				
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Randolph. The West Fork Rail Trail follows the West Fork of the Greenbrier River and Forest Road 44. It runs from Durbin through Glady, WV and onto the Greenbrier Junction along the Shavers Fork River.				

Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one			R9 - Eastern Region	
Shock Run Prescribe Burn Expansion Project EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/04/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2008	Expected:08/2008	01/2009	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Marlinton RD is proposing to expand the Rx burning area beyond the boundaries of six timber sale harvest units from the 2000 Shock Run Timber Sale EA.				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. The project area is approx. 17 miles NE of Marlinton, WV and borders SR 84 to the south and SR 92 to the west.				

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Snowshoe Hare CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006	Expected:07/2008	08/2008	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@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.					
Upper Williams Watershed Improvement EA	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2008	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	Thomas Cain 304-636-1800 x289 tcain@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.					
Weakley Existing Road Right-of-Way CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2008	Expected:09/2008	09/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: The heirs of Mr. Weakley's property in Greenbrier County, WV, have asked that they be authorized to use an existing 0.9 mile x 30 ft wide right-of-way through U.S. Tract 437 that Mr. Weakley had a permit to use to access his property.					
Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. U.S. Tract 437.					
White Sulphur Prescribe Burn Project EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/29/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	11/2008	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
Description: Prescribed fire is proposed in nine non-contiguous areas, all within the Anthony Creek fifth level watershed. Forest Management Prescription 6.1, as designated by the 2006 Monongahela National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan).					
Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. The project area is just north of the Blue Bend Developed Recreation Area and can be accessed using State Routes 11 and 21. The city of White Sulphur Springs, WV is approximately 9 miles south.					

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