



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

Rio Grande National Forest

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R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Adventure Cycling Association Ten-year Outfitter and Guide Permit Issuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2018	Expected:07/2018	07/2018	Hillary Santana 970-945-3202 hsantana@fs.fed.us
Description: Issuance of a ten year outfitter and guide permit to Adventure Cycling Association to authorize multiple cycling tours to operate annually on National Forest System Lands across the Rocky Mountain Region.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54388					
Location: UNIT - Yampa Ranger District, Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District, Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, Sulphur Ranger District, South Park Ranger District, West Zone/Aspen Ranger District, East Zone/Dillon Ranger District, East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District, West Zone/Sopris Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest All Units, East Zone/Eagle Ranger District, Wind River Ranger District, Salida Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado, Wyoming. COUNTY - Chaffee, Conejos, Eagle, Fremont, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Park, Pitkin, Rio Grande, Routt, Saguache, Summit, Sublette, Carbon, Fremont. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tours will occur on NFS lands within multiple districts on the White River, Pike & San Isabel, Arapaho-Roosevelt, Medicine Bow-Routt, GMUG, Shoshone and Rio Grande National Forests.					

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

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Rio Grande Forest Plan Revision EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:12/2019	03/2020	Judi Perez 719-852-6240 japerez@fs.fed.us
Description: Forest Plan Revision					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46078					
Location: UNIT - Rio Grande National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos, Costilla, Custer, Hinsdale, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache, San Juan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rio Grande National Forest in south central CO.					

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

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Rio Grande National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
DITCH BILL EASEMENTS CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/20/1995	Expected:12/2013	01/2014	Matthew Custer 719-852-6206 mscuster@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest has 87 applications for Ditch Bill Easements. This action involves authorizing historical facilities that qualify under the Ditch Bill. As of FY2014 there are 10 remaining applications to process.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/riogrande/projects/					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District, Divide Ranger District, Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Alamosa, Conejos, Hinsdale, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On National Forest Service Land throughout the Rio Grande National Forest.					

Rio Grande National Forest	Conejos Peak Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
CP-7 Allotment Analysis EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/22/2016	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Kelly Garcia 719-274-8971 kgarcia@fs.fed.us
Description: Analysis for grazing reauthorization					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46179					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos, Rio Grande. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Conejos Peak RD.					
Cat Creek Cattle and Horse Allotments EA EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kelly Garcia 719-274-6317 kgarcia@fs.fed.us
Description: This is an environmental assessment analyzing seven cattle and horse allotments (Cat Crk, La Jara, Hot Crk, Alamosa, Bancos, Jim Crk and Rough Crk) for the effects of continued livestock grazing and the development of allotment management plans.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34012					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos, Rio Grande. These allotments are located in Conejos and Rio Grande counties.					

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Cline Driveway Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/08/2017	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: It is proposed to authorize the use of a seasonally restricted Forest System Road for the purpose of year-round access to private property.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52436					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - Secs. 1 & 2, T. 35 N., R. 6 E., and Secs. 35 & 36, T. 36 N., R. 6 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. A forest road special use permit 8,710 feet long and 20 feet wide encompassing 4.0 acres in Secs. 1 & 2, T. 35 N., R. 6 E., and Secs. 35 & 36, T. 36 N., R. 6 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado.					
Conejos Peak District SNOTEL Reauthorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/17/2019	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting (SSWSF) Program maintains and operates two Snow Telemetry (SNOTEL) sites on the Conejos Peak Ranger District for the purpose of water supply forecasting.					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. One site is near Lily Pond in Secs. 4 & 9, T36N, R4E, NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. The second site is near Cumbres Trestle in Secs. 7 & 18, T32N, R5E, NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado.					
Fox Creek Vegetation Management Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/02/2018	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Mike Tooley 719-274-6321 mltooley@fs.fed.us
Description: Silvicultural treatments, including prescribed fire, would improve forest health and vegetation conditions for deer and elk, bighorn sheep, and other wildlife species (including northern goshawk).					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52667					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T33N, R6E; T33N, R7E; and T34N, R6E of the NMPM. The Fox Creek Vegetation Management Project is located on the Conejos Peak Ranger District, in Conejos County, Colorado.					

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Garcia Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2017	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: A private road permit 1,100 feet in length and 30 feet in width encompassing 0.76 acres, more or less, in the SW1/4 of Sec. 3, T. 32 N., R. 5 W., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - SW1/4 of Sec. 3, T. 32 N., R. 5 W., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. South of the Cumbres subdivision between La Manga Pass and Cumbres Pass.				
Iron Creek Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2009	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Multiple owners have requested legal motorized access on the non-system road along Iron Creek in the vicinity of Prospect Mountain				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - A right-of-way approximately 6,700 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 3.69 acres, more or less, in Secs. 1 & 12, T. 36 N., R. 3 E.; Sec. 7, T. 36 N., R. 4 E., NMPM, Conejos County, CO. The Iron Creek road leaves NFSR 380 and travels up Iron Creek east of Sheepshead Mountain.				
McWilliams Driveway Permit Reissuance Project CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/24/2017	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	Description: It is proposed to amend the McWilliams Forest Road Special Use permit to a Private Driveway Special Use Permit for the remainder of the term.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52432				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - Secs. 1 & 2, T. 36 N., R. 6 E., and Secs. 35 & 36, T. 37 N., R. 6 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. A private driveway permit 2.2 miles long and 12 feet wide encompassing 3.2 acres in Secs. 1 & 2, T. 36 N., R. 6 E., and Secs. 35 & 36, T. 37 N., R. 6 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado.				

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Rio Grande National Forest	Conejos Peak Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Mogote - Forest Service Administrative Horse Pasture Fence Construction CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2014	Expected:03/2020	06/2020	Andrea Jones 719-274-8971 amjones@fs.fed.us
Description: This project will be the construction of about 1.5 miles of fence and two water gaps into the Conejos River within the Mogote Forest Service Administrative horse pasture just south of the community of Fox Creek.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43736					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T33N, R7E, NE1/4 NW1/4, Sec.33. West of Mogote Campground.					
Platoro fence extension CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2014	Expected:03/2020	06/2020	Kelly Garcia 719-274-6317 kgarcia@fs.fed.us
Description: This project will be the re-construction of ½ mile of fence and the construction of one-quarter mile of new fence construction on the east boundary of the community of Platoro.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43786					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T36N, R4E, NE1/4 SE1/4, Sec.23. East of Platoro community.					
Prospect Mountain/Sheepshead Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2010	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposed is a forest road special use permit 8,000 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 4.41 acres, more or less, using the closed NFSRs 380.6 and 380.6H.					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - Secs. 2 & 11, T. 36 N., R. 3 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. NFSRs 380.6 and 380.6H accessing Prospect Mountain and Sheepshead Mountain.					
Rito Hondo - Forest Service Administrative Horse Pasture Corral Construction CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2014	Expected:03/2020	06/2020	Kelly Garcia 719-274-6317 kgarcia@fs.fed.us
Description: This project will be the construction of a small horse corral within the Rito Hondo Forest Service Administrative horse pasture just north of the Bighorn Corral on FDR 103.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43787					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T32N, R7E, NE1/4 NW1/4, Sec.10. North of Bighorn Corral on FSR103.					

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Rio Grande National Forest	Conejos Peak Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Shane Jones Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/24/2019	02/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: A private road permit 1,450 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 0.8 acres, more or less, in Sec. 12, T. 36 N., R. 3 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado, for the purpose of accessing private property.					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - Sec. 12, T. 36 N., R. 3 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Access to the Wonder Lodes from NFSR 380 west of Stunner.					

Rio Grande National Forest	Divide Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Aero Marketing Comm Facility at Bristol Head CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/12/2019	11/2019	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: Aero Marketing and Logistics, LLC has proposed to install a new communications facility at the Bristol Head Communications Site.					
Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - 1.0 acres in the NW1/4 of SE1/4 of Sec. 23, T41N, R2W, NMPM, Mineral County, Colorado at the Bristol Head Communications Site. Bristol Head Communications Site.					
CDOT Wolf Creek Facility Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/12/2019	12/2019	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is proposing to replace two buildings at their Wolf Creek facility with a single building on the same foot print.					
Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - 0.15 acres in Sec. 5, T. 37 N., R. 2 E., NMPM, Mineral County, Colorado. Near Wolf Creek Pass and the Wolf Creek Ski Area between Pagosa Springs, CO and South Fork, CO.					

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Little Beaver Timber Management Project EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/23/2019	Expected:10/2019	03/2021	Kevin Duda 719-657-6037 kduda@fs.fed.us
	Description: Within the harvest footprint the proposed project would use ground-based logging systems for commercial timber harvesting(785 ac.),shelterwood removal(756 ac.)and salvage cutting(29 ac.). Up to 1.5 mi. of roads may be constructed for timber removal.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55248				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Rio Grande. LEGAL - New Mexico Principal Meridian, T.38 N., R.3 E., sec. 4, 8, 9, 10, 14-17, 20-23, 27, and 28. The project is located approximately nine miles south of South Fork, CO in the Little Beaver Creek drainage. Primary access is via National Forest System Roads 380 and 361.				
Mineral County Landfill Conveyance EA *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	Completed	Actual: 10/22/2019	03/2020	Judi Perez 719-852-6240 japerez@fs.fed.us
	Description: Convey 81.25 acres of NFS land to Mineral County, Colorado pursuant to the Townsite Act of July 31, 1958 (72 Stat. 438; 7 U.S.C 1012a; 16 U.S.C. 478a. The parcel is partially encumbered by the Mineral County landfill.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54436				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T41N, R1E, Section 6, New Mexico Prime Meridian. Immediately southeast of Creede, Colorado in Mineral County.				
Northeast Colorado Cellular, Inc. (dba Viaero) communication corridor CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Viaero has submitted applications for a cellular communication corridor comprised of five sites on National Forest System land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53986				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Mineral, Rio Grande. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The first site is in the vicinity of the Tewksberry corrals, west of South Fork, CO. The remaining sites are along CO149 between South Fork and the Hinsdale County line.				

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Steinman Access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/12/2019	11/2019	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeter@fs.fed.us
Description: A private road permit approximately 125 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 0.07 acres more or less in the SE1/4 of Sec. 21, T. 39 N., R. 6 E., NMPM, Rio Grande County, Colorado, for the purpose of accessing private property.					
Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Rio Grande. LEGAL - A private road permit approximately 125 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 0.07 acres more or less in the SE1/4 of Sec. 21, T. 39 N., R. 6 E., NMPM, Rio Grande County, Colorado. Limekiln Creek near Dog Mountain.					
Tewksberry trail reroute CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Stephen Brigham 719-657-6014 sbrigham@fs.fed.us
Description: The proposed action is to reroute 3 sections of the Tewksberry ATV trail for a total of 1 mile. The reroutes would be constructed to ATV trail specifications with tread no wider than 50", and would reduce resource damage and soil erosion.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49352					
Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Rio Grande. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately seven miles south-southwest of South Fork, CO.					

Rio Grande National Forest	Saguache Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Burnt Gulch and Major Creek AML Closures CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Patrick Moran 719-852-6286 patrickjmoran@fs.fed.us
Description: Closure of 15 mine sites that are considered physical hazards.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56313					
Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 1 mile northeast of Crestone.					

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Crestone WUI Hand Thinning Project CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 12/02/2019	04/2020	Sidney Hall 719-852-6205 shall@fs.fed.us
Description: The Rio Grande National Forest is proposing to conduct a hand thinning fuels treatment east of Crestone, CO along the northern boundary of the Baca subdivision in T43N R12E Section 8.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55359					
Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - T43N R12E Section 8. East of Crestone, CO along the northern boundary of the Baca subdivision.					
Grover Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2018	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: A proposal for a private road permit 5,000 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 2.75 acres in Sec. 9, T. 43 N., R. 12 E., NMPM, Saguache County, Colorado.					
Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - 2.75 acres in Sec. 9, T. 43 N., R. 12 E., NMPM, Saguache County, Colorado. Using a combination of NFSR 949, NFST 860 and an old road prism to access private property up South Crestone Creek in the N1/2 of Sec. 9, T43N, R12E, NMPM, Saguache County, Colorado.					
Lujan Pass Timber Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/28/2019	Expected:06/2020	08/2021	Rachael Sanchez 719-657-6023 rlsanchez@fs.fed.us
Description: The proposed project would use ground-based logging systems for commercial timber harvesting on approximately 722 acres.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56020					
Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - New Mexico Principal Meridian, T.46 N., R.4 E., sec. 16, 17, 20, 21, 22. and 28. The analysis area is located approximately thirty miles northwest of Saguache, CO near Lujan Pass. Primary access is via National Forest System Road (NFSR) 785 or NFSRs 810 and 784.					

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Saguache District SNOTEL Reauthorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/19/2019	Expected:11/2019	11/2019	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting (SSWSF) Program maintains and operates four Snow Telemetry (SNOTEL) sites on the Divide Ranger District for the purpose of water supply forecasting.				
	Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Cochetopa Pass, Hayden Pass, Moon Pass and Sargents Mesa SNOTEL sites.				
Terburg Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2018	Expected:11/2019	11/2019	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mr. Terburg is proposing to use 4,300 feet of seasonally closed national forest system road for the purpose of accessing private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - Secs. 31 & 32, T. 44 N., R. 12 E., NMPM, Saguache County, Colorado. National Forest System Road 950 along North Crestone Creek.				

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