



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Rio Grande National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Nancy Rusho 202-731-9196 nancy.rusho@usda.gov
<p>Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions.</p>					

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

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R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Xcel Energy Transmission and Distribution Authorization; Operation and Maintenance Plan Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2020	Expected:03/2021	05/2021	Matthew Custer 720-822-4321 mscuster@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to reauthorize approximately 293 miles of existing electric transmission line and 196 miles of electric distribution line; develop and implement a standardized O&M Plan for routine maintenance and vegetation management.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District, Saguache Ranger District, Pawnee Ranger District, Clear Creek Ranger District, Sulphur Ranger District, South Park Ranger District, West Zone/Rifle Ranger District, East Zone/Dillon Ranger District, Boulder Ranger District, East Zone/Holy Cross Ranger District, West Zone/Sopris Ranger District, Leadville Ranger District, East Zone/Eagle Ranger District, Salida Ranger District, Pikes Peak Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Boulder, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Conejos, Eagle, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Jefferson, Lake, Park, Rio Grande, Saguache, Summit, Weld. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project located on applicable Xcel transmission and distribution lines on National Forests and Grasslands in Colorado,.				

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Trout Unlimited Stream Temperature Loggers CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/02/2020	10/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Trout Unlimited proposes to install temperature loggers in multiple drainages across the Rio Grande National Forest in an effort to determine if drainages are good candidates for the reintroduction of Rio Grande cutthroat trout.				
	Location: UNIT - Rio Grande National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos, Mineral, Saguache. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple drainages across the RGNF.				

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Area Below Windy Point Closure Order CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/24/2020	12/2020	Jeremiah Martinez 719-274-8971 jeremiahmartinez@fs.fed.us
	Description: Implementation of a 1 year or less over the snow motorized closure order for an area approximately 550 acres northwest of US highway 17 Cumbres Pass area below Windy Point.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59192				
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - T 34 N R 4 E Secs. 13, 18 NMPM. northwest of US highway 17 Cumbres Pass area below Windy Point.					
Belmarez Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/10/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Belmarez family proposes legal motorized access to private property by using an existing driveway across NFS lands. From NFS road 103, the route crosses 240 feet of NFS land. A 24 feet wide right-of-way would encompass 0.13 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - 0.13 acres in the SE1/4 of Sec. 10, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Private property south of Magote, Colorado near the Bighorn Corral.				
CP-7 Allotment Analysis EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.					

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Cat Creek Cattle and Horse Allotments EA EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Cancelled	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.				
Clinton Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/09/2019	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mr. Clinton has proposed motorized access to his private property using a non-system road across National Forest System lands. The route is approximately 2,800 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 1.54 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - 1.54 acres, more or less, in Sec. 24, T. 36 N., R. 4 E. & Sec. 26, T. 36 N., R. 4.5 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Access to private property in Robinson Gulch approximately two miles east of Platoro, CO.				
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.				

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Mogote - Forest Service Administrative Horse Pasture Fence Construction CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2014	Expected:11/2020	04/2021	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	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2014	Expected:10/2020	04/2021	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.					
Public Services Co Electric Distribution Extension CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/09/2019	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: From existing overhead terminus, the installation of approximately 600 feet of overhead line to NFSR 103, then burying the electric line for 7,300 feet in NFSR 103 and 129 for the purpose of providing service to private property.					
Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - A 1.81 acre right-of-way in Secs. 10 and 15, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Electric distribution line extension in the vicinity of Bighorn Corral south of Mogote and Fox Creek, Colorado. Project is approximately 10 miles southwest of Antonito, Colorado.					
Rito Hondo - Forest Service Administrative Horse Pasture Corral Construction CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2014	Expected:10/2020	04/2021	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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Rito Hondo, LLC Access Project CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: A Forest road special use permit approximately 12,750 feet in length and 16 feet in width encompassing 4.68 acres, more or less, in Secs. 10, 11 and 15, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado, for the purpose of accessing private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - 4.68 acres in Secs. 10, 11 and 15, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Near the Bighorn Corral at the confluence of Rito Hondo and Bighorn Creeks south of Fox Creek and Mogote, Colorado.				
Sheepshead Enterprises, LLC Access. CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2010	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: A Forest Road Permit 8,000 feet in length and 24 feet in width encompassing 4.41 acres in Sec. 2 and 11, T. 36 N., R. 3 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado for the use of the closed NFSRs 380.6A and 380.6H to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Conejos Peak Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Conejos. LEGAL - 4.41 acres in Secs. 2 & 11, T. 36 N., R. 3 E., NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado. Approximately five miles northwest of Platoro, Colorado.				

Rio Grande National Forest	Divide Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Aero Marketing Electric and Fiber to Bristol Head CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	Description: Aero Marketing is proposing to lay electric and fiberoptic cable in NFS Road 532 from State Hwy 149 to the Bristol Head Communications Site.				
	Location: UNIT - Divide Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Hinsdale, Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Starting from where NFS Road 532 leave Hwy 149 north of North Clear Creek Falls and terminating at Bristol Head.				

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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	
Aero Marketing and Logistics, LLC North Pass Comm Site CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/17/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed is a 0.5 acre communications site near North Pass consisting of a 150' tall lattice type tower, two 12' by 28' prefab concrete equipment shelters, two 500 gallon propane tanks and a 200' x 100' solar array to provide coverage for Hwy 114.				
	Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - 0.5 acres in the NE1/4 of Sec. 30, T46N, R4E, NMPM, Saguache County, Colorado. Near North Pass where Hwy 114 crosses the continental divide approximately 25 miles northwest of Saguache, Colorado.				
Aero Marketing and Logistics, LLC South Park Comm Site CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/17/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed is a 0.5 acre communications site near South Park consisting of a 150' tall lattice type tower, two 12' by 28' prefab concrete equipment shelters, two 500 gallon propane tanks and a 200' x 100' solar array to provide coverage for Hwy 114.				
	Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - 0.5 acres in the NE1/4 of Sec. 10, T. 44 N., R 5 E., NMPM, Saguache County, Colorado. Near South Park approximately 14 miles west of Saguache, CO, and approximately 2.5 miles south of Hwy 114.				

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Burnt Gulch and Major Creek AML Closures CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2019	Expected:10/2020	03/2021	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.				
Lujan Pass Timber Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/28/2019	Expected:02/2021	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.				
Terburg Access CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2018	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	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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Ute Pass Sanitation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/18/2020	Expected:11/2020	02/2022	Rachael Sanchez 719-655-6120 rachael.sanchez@usda.gov
Description: The proposed action consists of sanitation harvest of Douglas-fir in western spruce budworm impacted stands to reduce the presence of insects and disease.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58378					
Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - T.45N. R.7E, sec. 1 and 12; T.45N, R.8E., sec. 6, 7, 8, 17 and 18, all in NMPM. Project is located off NFSR 842, near communication tower. Approximately 6 miles north of Saguache, CO and generally in the Saguache Peak area.					
Weaver Access Reauthorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/23/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Andrew Peterson 719-852-6206 ahpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: Reauthorization of a FLPMA forest road special use permit approximately 3,750 feet in length and 14 feet in width encompassing 1.21 acres, more or less, in Secs. 7 & 18, T. 25 S., R. 73 W., 6th PM, Saguache County, Colorado.					
Location: UNIT - Saguache Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Saguache. LEGAL - 1.21 acres in Secs. 7 & 18, T. 25 S., R. 73 W., 6th PM, Saguache County, Colorado. Motorized access to private property located in Pole Creek east of the Duncan townsite and about ten miles south of Crestone, CO.					

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