



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

San Juan National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- 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
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					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Western Area Power Administration Right-of-Way Maintenance and Reauthorization Project EIS	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	David Loomis 303-275-5008 dloomis@fs.fed.us
Description: Update vegetation management activities along 278 miles of transmission lines located on NFS lands in Colorado, Nebraska, and Utah. These activities are intended to protect the transmission lines by managing for stable, low growth vegetation.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30630					
Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units, Grand Valley Ranger District, Norwood Ranger District, Yampa Ranger District, Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, Pine Ridge Ranger District, Sulphur Ranger District, East Zone/Dillon Ranger District, Paonia Ranger District, Boulder Ranger District, West Zone/Sopris Ranger District, Canyon Lakes Ranger District, Salida Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District, Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado, Nebraska, Utah. COUNTY - Chaffee, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Grand, Gunnison, Jackson, Lake, La Plata, Larimer, Mesa, Montrose, Routt, Saguache, San Juan, Dawes, Daggett, Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Linear transmission lines located in Colorado, Utah, and Nebraska.					

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)					
San Miguel Power Association 44kV Red Mountain Transmission Line Rebuild	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Brittany Duffy 9702405405 brittany.duffy@usda.gov
EA *NEW LISTING*	<p>Description: SMPA has applied for a special use permit to rebuild, operate and maintain the ~16 mile transmission line along Hwy 550 between the Ouray North and the Burro Bridge Substations on the GMUG and San Juan National Forests.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57912</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Ouray Ranger District, Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Ouray, San Juan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed transmission line rebuild would occur over ~16.2 miles of NFS and private land along Hwy 550 between Ouray and Durango on the GMUG and San Juan National Forests.</p>				

San Juan National Forest	Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Minerals - Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Horizontal Drilling Project	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/27/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Walter Brown 970-385-1372 wabrown@fs.fed.us
EA *UPDATED*	<p>Description: Construction of a pipeline on FS, state, and private lands; construction of 1 new gas well pad and access road on FS land; and re-completion of 2 existing gas wells located on FS. The wells would be drilled with horizontal drilling techniques.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53825</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - T34&35N R5&6W. Pipeline route runs from Lange Canyon to Fosset Gulch, 8 miles east of Bayfield.</p>				
Recreation - Purgatory Resort Ice Creek Pod Project	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:10/2020	01/2021	Noel Ludwig 425-783-6032 nludwig@fs.fed.us
EA *NEW LISTING*	<p>Description: Constructing new quad ski lift and four new ski runs. Rerouting of snowmobile access trail. Would require 2.5 acres of ground disturbance and 25.9 acres of tree removal.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57877</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - NW1/4 of SE1/4 of T39N, R9W, New Mexico Baseline. Project area is in East Fork Hermosa Creek watershed, on back side of Purgatory Resort, within existing SUP area.</p>				

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Special Uses - Hutcherson Pipeline CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lsovocool@fs.fed.us
Description: Re-Authorization of approximately 4000 feet of buried pipeline (6 feet wide) within the H.E. Freeman Ditch, which transports water from Squaw Creek to permittee's adjacent private land. No new disturbance.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56412					
Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - T 34N R 5W Sections 10 & 11. Just west of Hwy 160/Fosset Gulch Road intersection, paralleling the highway.					

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Forest Health - Lone Pine Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 01/23/2020 01/23/2020	02/2020	Travis Bruch 970-625-6849 tbruch@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposed pine vegetation management actions to move forest from 'mature closed' to 'mature open' and establish patches of young forest. Includes salvage of dead trees from recent beetle outbreak.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54682					
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northwest of Dolores, Colorado and east of Dove Creek, Colorado on National Forest lands in 'the glade' area.					
Forest Health - Salter Vegetation Management Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:11/2020	02/2021	David Casey 970-882-6830 djcasey@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposed ponderosa pine vegetation management actions including tree cutting, tree planting and activity fuel burning covering approximately 35,000 acres.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57671					
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project area is located generally north and northeast of Dolores, CO in the Salter and Boggy Draw areas.					

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San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Range - Mancos Rangeland Management Project EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Corey Ertl 307 358-7126 certl@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to reauthorize term grazing permits and modify grazing management on all or portions of four allotments: Spring Creek, Turkey Creek, Jersey Jim and Gold Run Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53215				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Mancos Landscape is located in Townships 37-38 North, Ranges 11-14 West, in the northeast portion of the Dolores Ranger District, north of Mancos, Colorado.				
Range - Tenderfoot C&H Allotment EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lindsey Hansen 970-385-1369 lindseyhansen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Term Grazing Permit renewal and allotment analysis. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=26453				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 24 miles NE of Dolores, CO. Drainages include Section House, School House, Tenderfoot, Estes Draw, Wildcat, and Burnette Creek.				
Recreation - Chicken Creek Trails EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 01/14/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasrice@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of the existing trail system accessed from the Chicken Creek Parking Lot; analysis of approximately 12 miles of new non-motorized single track trails; and analysis of designating 1.5 miles of existing trail as open to motorized use. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55794				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North of Mancos, Colorado, between NFSR 566 on the east and NSFR 559 to the west.				

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San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Recreation - New Special Use Permits CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/12/2020	04/2020	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Dolores Ranger District is considering two new temporary permits for guided recreation activities				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57653				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rico area and McPhee Reservoir area.					
Recreation - Rico Trails Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/25/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of proposed trails, reroutes and improvements to the Spring Creek, Ryman, Rio Grande Southern and Circle trails				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56748				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In the vicinity of Rico, CO.					
Recreation - Sage Hen Motorized Trail EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal for an approximate 4.5 mile motorized trail was withdrawn by project proponent due to natural resource concerns. NEPA analysis has been cancelled.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56766				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sage Hen Area north of Montezuma County Road X.					
Special Uses - Donaldson Waterline Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Justin Mapula 530-964-3706 jamapula@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of an existing domestic water line authorization				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57644				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West Dolores Road.					

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Special Uses - Hassinger-Muscari 20-year Road Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/22/2014	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Justin Mapula 970-882-6814 jamapula@fs.fed.us
Description: Renew existing road use permit for a new 20 year term.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46524					
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Roads located northwest of Dolores, Colorado and northeast of Mancos, CO. Includes portions of Forest Roads 556, 557, and 376.					
Special Uses - Kremmen Ditch Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Justin Mapula 530-964-3706 jamapula@fs.fed.us
Description: Reissuance of an existing water transmission ditch for a 30-year term					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57648					
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Madden Peak/Starvation Creek area.					
Special Uses - Lizard Head CDOT Avalanche Control CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/10/2020	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 lewis.sovocool@usda.gov
Description: Installation of 5 Wyssen Towers on NFS lands for better/safer avalanche control and to reduce Highway 145 closure times.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57818					
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 145 north of Rico.					
Special Uses - Reddert Ranch Forest Road Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Justin Mapula 530-964-3706 jamapula@fs.fed.us
Description: Issuance of a new 20-year special use permit to enable Reddert Ranch to access their private property via existing Forest System Roads and trails					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57647					
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Millwood area.					

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Special Uses - San Miguel Power Association Permit Renewal	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Shauna Jensen 970-882-6815 smjensen@fs.fed.us
CE	Description: Proposal to renew existing permits for existing 25kv overhead and existing underground power transmission line locations for a 30-year period Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51293 Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores. LEGAL - Not Applicable. A 30-foot right-of-way located adjacent to Hwy 145 from Lizard Head pass to the Town of Rico (13 miles) and a second power line (850 feet) to Cayton Campground.				

San Juan National Forest	Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Forest Products - Upper Rito Buckles Vegetation Management Project	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/30/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Matthew Tuten 970-240-5417 mtuten@fs.fed.us
EA *UPDATED*	Description: Timber harvest on up to 2,600 acres in the Upper Rito Blanco and Buckles Lake area. This may include salvage of dead and dying trees, coppice with reserve, and improvement cuts. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57071 Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Upper Rito Blanco and Buckles Lake area on the Pagosa Ranger District.				
Lands - Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/13/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:12/2020	06/2021	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1521 rsmith@fs.fed.us
EA *UPDATED*	Description: The Forest Service proposes to exchange approximately 472 acres of SJNF lands in eleven parcels for approximately 900 acres of two non-Federal parcels of land adjacent to NFS land managed by the SJNF. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57154 Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, Hinsdale. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pagosa Ranger District: Eleven parcels of federal lands totaling approximately 472 acres and 2 parcels of non-federal land totaling approximately 900 acres. Refer to maps provided on SJNF website.				

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San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Range - Navajo Peak Range Improvements CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 03/11/2020	05/2020	John Garcia 970-264-1516 jgarcia@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocation and construction of allotment boundary fence between the V-Rock and West Harris Allotments, and reconstruction of a corral between the Coyote Creek and West Harris Allotments on the Pagosa Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57763				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southeast portion of the Pagosa Ranger District on the V-Rock, West Harris, and Coyote Creek Allotments.					
Recreation-2020 Outfitter Guide Permit Issuance on Pagosa Ranger District (for 3 individual permits) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/03/2020	03/2020	Tyler Albers 505-346-3847 talbers@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Pagosa Ranger District is proposing to reissue special use outfitter guide permits to Backcountry Outfitters, Majestic Outfitters, and Saddle-Up Outfitters.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57761				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, Hinsdale, Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations on the Pagosa Ranger District, including the Weminuche and South San Juan Wilderness.					

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