



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

San Juan 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
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 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 .					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Western Area Power Administration Right-of-Way Maintenance and Reauthorization Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/17/2020 11/17/2020	12/2020	Matthew Custer 719-852-6206 mscuster@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.					

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Lands - Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange EA *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/05/2020	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1521 rebecca.smith@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to exchange approximately 452 acres of SJNF lands in ten Federal parcels for approximately 880 acres of one non-Federal parcel of land adjacent to NFS land managed by the SJNF.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57154				
Location: UNIT - San Juan National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pagosa Ranger District: Ten parcels of federal lands totaling approximately 452 acres and one parcel of non-federal land totaling approximately 880 acres. Refer to maps provided on SJNF website.					

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Recreation - Purgatory Resort Ice Creek Pod Project EA	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/05/2020	Expected:11/2020	02/2021	Noel Ludwig 303-275-5164 noel.ludwig@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57877				
Location: UNIT - San Juan National Forest All Units. 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.					
Special Uses - Century Link Master Lease Agreement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/20/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Rebecca Smith 970-264-1521 rsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: The lease agreement would apply to existing buried and overhead telephone and fiber optic lines throughout the San Juan National Forest				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59144				
Location: UNIT - San Juan National Forest All Units. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing locations across the forest.					

San Juan National Forest	Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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San Juan National Forest Columbine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Forest Health - Southern HD's Landscape Restoration Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/10/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2021	Expected:09/2021	05/2022	Albert Fischer 970-884-1406 awfischer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation treatment to restore the area (about 34,000 a) to more natural conditions. Treatments could include prescribed fire, tree thinning, small commercial wood sales, fuelwood gathering, mowing, targeted grazing, and designation of an OHV trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58742				
Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, La Plata. LEGAL - Township 35N, Range 6W, sections 34-36; Township 34N, Range 6W, sections 1-3, 10, 11, 20-36, 1U-5U, 7U-11U, 13U-18U; Township 34N, Range 5W, sections 7, 18-24, 26-35, 7U, 9U, and 13U%u201318U. HD Mountains south of Highway 160, east of Bayfield, CO.					
Minerals - Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Horizontal Drilling Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minerals and Geology - Special use management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/27/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Walter Brown 970-385-1372 wabrown@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53825				
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.					
Special Uses - LPEA Permit Amendment #1 near Goulding Creek Trailhead CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	Completed	Actual: 10/30/2020	10/2020	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 Isovocool@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permit amendment to authorize approximately 1,372 feet of buried 7.2kV single phase distribution electric line next to the Goulding Creek Trailhead access road, in order to bring service to adjacent private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58728				
Location: UNIT - Columbine Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - La Plata. LEGAL - T38N R9W section 35. Goulding Creek Trailhead access road.					

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San Juan National Forest Mancos/Dolores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
2020 Recreation Special Uses Permit Renewals CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/02/2020	12/2020	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasbrice@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of 11 existing recreation special use permits.				
	Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Dolores, Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Across the Mancos/Dolores Ranger District.				
Forest Health - Salter Vegetation Management Project EA	- 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.					
Range - Mancos Rangeland Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Cancelled	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.					

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Range - Tenderfoot C&H Allotment EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Cancelled	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	Completed	Actual: 12/14/2020	04/2021	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.					
Recreation - Rico Trails Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/24/2020	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Thomas Rice 970-882-6829 thomasrice@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.					
Southwest CO TV Translator Association CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/21/2020	11/2020	Lewis Sovocool 970-884-1433 Isovocool@fs.fed.us
	Description: Update, improve and consolidate the communication facilities and infrastructure				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58707				
Location: UNIT - Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Montezuma. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Caviness Mountain Communication Site.					

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Special Uses - Donaldson Waterline Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/10/2020	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Mary Kusnir 970-882 6814 mkusnir@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.				
Special Uses - Kremmen Ditch Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/10/2020	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Mary Kusnir 970-882-6814 mkusnir@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 - Reddert Ranch Forest Road Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mary Kusnir 970-882-6814 mkusnir@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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Forest Products - Upper Rito Buckles Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 10/15/2020	10/2020	Matthew Tuten 970-240-5417 mtuten@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber harvest on up to 2,600 acres in the Upper Rito Blanco and Buckles Lake area, including salvage of dead & dying trees, coppice with reserve, & improvement cuts. Fisheries, watershed improvement & travel mgmt. projects are also proposed.				
	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.					
Fuels and Forest Products - Turkey Springs Vegetation Management Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/18/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2021	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Matthew Tuten 970-240-5417 mtuten@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is near a highly populated area in Archuleta County. The proposal includes fuels reduction activities (thinning, mowing and mastication) as well as tree cutting and removal activities (improvement cutting, thinning, and salvage harvest).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59146				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Turkey Springs area on the Pagosa Ranger District.					
Range - Range Improvements on Divide Park, Trail Ck, Middle Fork, EF Piedra, and Fourmile Allotments CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 12/04/2020	05/2021	John Garcia 970-264-1516 jgarcia@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of a boundary fence between Divide Park and Trail Creek. Construction of one corral between Middle Fork and EF Piedra Allotments, and one corral on the Fourmile Allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59147				
Location: UNIT - Pagosa Ranger District. STATE - Colorado. COUNTY - Archuleta, Hinsdale. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pagosa Ranger District (Divide Park, Trail Creek, Middle Fork, East Fork Piedra, and Fourmile Allotments).					

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