



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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 .				

R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

4FRI Rim Country Project EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/18/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Mike Dechter 928-527-3416 mike.dechter@usda.gov
	Description: Landscape-scale restoration on the Coconino, Apache-Sitgreaves, and Tonto National Forests of ponderosa pine ecosystems, designed to maintain, improve, and restore ecosystem structure, pattern, function, and resiliency.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/4FRIRimCountry				
	Location: UNIT - Coconino National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mogollon Rim Ranger District, Coconino NF; Black Mesa and Lakeside Ranger Districts, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest; Payson and Pleasant Valley Ranger Districts, Tonto National Forest.				

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R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Prescott College Academic Outfitter and Guide Priority Use (2015-2025) CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Julie Rowe 928-203-7516 jrowe@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize Prescott College to conduct academic field courses year-round across forests in Arizona including adventure education, biology, human ecology, natural history, physical geography, & field ecology.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47407					
Location: UNIT - Coronado National Forest All Units, Kaibab National Forest All Units, Prescott National Forest All Units, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Coconino National Forest All Units, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Activities take place in a variety of locations throughout the forest.					

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Public Motorized Travel Management Plan EIS	- Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/30/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Kevin Holmes 928-333-6267 asnfrtravel@fs.fed.us
Description: A proposal to designate motorized travel routes (roads and trails) in areas on federal lands administered by the Forest Service within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in order to comply with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212).					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22692					
Location: UNIT - Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache, Greenlee, Navajo. LEGAL - National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (Forests). National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (Forests).					

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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FY2020 - APS Master Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/11/2018	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Orry Hatcher 928-368-2108 ohatcher@fs.fed.us
Description: The purpose of this action is to reissue a Special Use Permit to Arizona Public Service for 33Kv and below distribution lines for up to 30 years, as well as a set of 69kV lines.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57324					
Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District, Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rights of way across the Lakeside and Black Mesa Districts.					

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests		Alpine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R3 - Southwestern Region	
Alpine Water System Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/07/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Shannon Miller (928) 339-5052 shannondmiller@fs.fed.us
Description: Alpine Domestic Water proposes to install a water storage tank, with a short access road, and pipeline to supply water to residents of southeastern Alpine, AZ. The Alpine RD would issue a Special Use Permit for construction on, and use of FS land.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58126					
Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - Lots 6 & 7, Sec 19, T5N, R31E. Southeast of Alpine, AZ, just off FSR 572.					
Bear Wallow Fish Barrier Removal CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Keith Fox 970-882-6822 Keith.Fox@usda.gov
Description: Fish barrier removal in support of native fish restoration activities in Bear Wallow Wilderness Area.					
Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Greenlee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Wallow Creek, Bear Wallow Wilderness.					

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Alpine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
Black River Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/21/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2020	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Rob Lever 928-687-1301 rlever@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Black River Landscape Restoration Project is a planning effort designed to restore forest resiliency and ecosystem function in the Project planning area on the Alpine and Springerville Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52740				
Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache, Greenlee. LEGAL - Gila and Salt River Meridian, T4.5 N R29E; T4.5N R30E; T4N R27.5E; T4N R28E; T4NR29N; T4N R30E; T5N R27E; T 5N R28E; T5N R29E; T6N R29E; and T6N R28E. The Black River Restoration Project area is located approximately 12 miles south of Springerville, Arizona within Apache and Greenlee Counties, bordering the Fort Apache Reservation on the west.					
Navapache System Communication Tower CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Paul Schilke 928-339-5052 pschilke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install a less than 50ft tall communication tower (repeater) on Maness Peak adjacent to Forest System Roads 14A and 14G. The repeater would help ensure communication is feasible with isolated communities along the Blue River.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42976				
Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - T4N, R32E, Sec 17, NE1/4. Alpine Ranger District - near the 14A and 14G road.					
ORC LLC Road Easement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/18/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Timothy Vanek 928-333-6291 timothy.vanek@usda.gov
	Description: Issue the private landowner applicant a perpetual road access easement under FLPMA authority, on Forest Road 249A1. The purpose of this proposal is to respond to the applicant 2019 request to comply with Title V of FLPMA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57881				
Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - T. 6 N. R. 29 E., sect. 34, NENE, NWNE, N2N2SENE, lot 16, GSRM. Forest Road 249A1 for approximately 3,007 feet long, by 50 feet wide, involving approximately 3.45 acres of the Apache N.F. near Lake Sierra Blanca.					

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Parsons Property Powerline Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/12/2020	03/2020	Shannon Miller 928-339-5052 shannondmiller@fs.fed.us
Description: Extension of existing NEC powerline to Parson's property requiring one pole on Forest Service lands.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56807					
Location: UNIT - Alpine Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - Section 1, T5N, R30E, Gila and Salt River Meridian. North of Alpine, AZ.					

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests		Black Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region
Heber Allotment Analysis EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/15/2015	Expected:06/2020	09/2020	Orry Hatcher 928-368-2108 ohatcher@fs.fed.us
Description: Allotment analysis to determine re-issuance of a term grazing permit, what grazing management strategy will be implemented in the allotment management plan (AMP), treatments for grassland restoration and maintenance, and placement of tanks and fence.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43442					
Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - All or portions of T10 1/2N R15 1/2 E, T11N R15E, T12N R15E, T13N R15E, T14N R15E, T14N R16E, T13N R16E, T12N R16E, T11N R16E, T10 1/2N R16E, T11N R17E, T12N R17E, T13N R17E, T14N R17E, T10 1/2N R17E, T. The allotment is located around the community of Heber Overgaard. The southern boundary borders the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and the Northern Boundary is the forest boundary.					
Heber Wild Horse Territory Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020	Expected:05/2021	01/2022	Keith Fox 970-882-6822 Keith.Fox@usda.gov
Description: To develop a management plan for the Heber Wild Horse Territory					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=18916					
Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Navajo. LEGAL - Portions of T11N, R15E, T11N, R16E, T12N, R16E, G&SRM. South of Heber-Overgaard Arizona, west and south of Hwy 260.					

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Black Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
Proposal for Willow Springs Lake Spillway Barrier CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Suzanne DeRosier 928-535-7309 susanne.derosier@usda.gov
	Description: Install a series of fish screens within the reservoir concrete spillway to be able to filter out nonnative fish moving downstream during spring spill events following snow melt.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57809				
Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Willow Springs Dam, Black Mesa Ranger District.					
Wilson Right-of-Way CE	- Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Deborah Roznovak 928-535-7300 dlroznovak@fs.fed.us
	Description: To issue a Right of Way permit for Forest System Roads 9853W and 9854F to allow a private property owner to maintain the road for access to his land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52892				
Location: UNIT - Black Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Navajo County Parcel 208-23-004, a 5-acre parcel of private land, surrounded on all sides by National Forest System lands. Located south of Forest Road 46, a county maintained road.					

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Clifton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
East Eagle/Mud Springs Hazardous Fuels Reduction EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/23/2020	05/2020	Justin Thompson (928) 687-8600 comments-southwestern-apache-sitgreaves-clifton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hazardous fuels reduction project to maintain and restore fire adapted ecosystems to their natural fire regimes condition classes, using vegetation treatments, mechanical and/or hand thinning and pretreatments, prescribed fire and managed wildfire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50358				
Location: UNIT - Clifton Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Greenlee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 91,029 acres bounded by the District boundary to the north, and west (along the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation), the east by Hwy 191, and the south by FR 515 (Pine Flat Rd).					

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Clifton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
Stateline NEPA-Clifton RD Decision 2 EA *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 01/27/2020 01/27/2020	02/2020	Kent Ellett 928-687-1301 kent.ellett@usda.gov
	Description: Reauthorization of livestock grazing for allotments on Clifton RD: Blackjack, Hickey, and Pleasant Valley. For EA/project documents see url: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22466 , the joint Apache-Sitgreaves and Gila NFs project.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57451				
Location: UNIT - Clifton Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Greenlee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Clifton RD allotments along the AZ/NM border, Stateline Range NEPA.					
Stateline Range Allotments Analysis EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/01/2018	Expected:05/2019	05/2019	Kent Ellett 928-687-1301 kellett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Allotment analysis for development of Allotment Management Plans				
	Location: UNIT - Clifton Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Greenlee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hickey, Blackjack, Lop Ear, Pleasant Valley, Copperas, Alma Mesa Allotments.				

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Lakeside Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R3 - Southwestern Region					
City of Show Low Sewer Lines - Master Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2020	Expected:07/2020	10/2020	Orry Hatcher 928-368-2108 ohatcher@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this proposal is to reissue a Special Use Permit to the City of Show Low for buried utilities (sewer). The project area encompasses the incorporated limits of the City of Show Low on the Lakeside Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58120				
Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Sections 11, 13 & 14, T10N, R21E Gila and Salt River Meridian. The master permit covers a total of 4.56 acres. These improvements have been permitted on USFS land since 1978. These lines are part of the Show Low Municipal Water System.					

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Lakeside Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Four Springs Trail Realignment CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lorna Mcneil-Cox 928-368-2117 lmneilcox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reroute approximately 4.5 miles of the Four Springs Trail to improve trail sustainability, mitigate erosion and resource damage issues, and improve non-motorized recreational opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48552				
Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Apache. LEGAL - T9N R24E Sections 3, 11, 14, 15, 19, 22, and 23. The Four Springs Trail section from Lake Mountain to the Mud Springs area.					
Lakeside District Office Conveyance EA	- Land ownership management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Randall Chavez 928-368-2106 rchavez02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze NF land at the Lakeside Ranger Station for sale under FS Facility Realignment & Enhancement Act (FSFREA, PL 109-54). This also involves analyzing the location of a new ranger station. There will be 2 decisions from this analysis.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=33916				
Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - T9N R22E Portions of Section 12-14 & 23, G&SR BM. Lakeside Rgr. Station and Lakeside CG within the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside. New site near junction Penrod & Porter Mtn. Rds.					
Show Low Airport Mitigation Wetlands Special Use Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/11/2020	06/2020	Tina Sorenson (928) 368-5111 ext 763 tsorenson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue existing Special Use Permit that provides authorization for a created wetland north of the Show Low airport, the wetland enhancement at South Marsh, and access roads to each area. Project area total 2.5 acres of land and .3 miles of road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52883				
Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - Sections 4, 9, and 16 of T10 N, R22 E, Gila & Salt River Meridians. North of Show Low Airport, Navajo County, Arizona.					

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Lakeside Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Woodland Connector Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Orry Hatcher 928-368-2108 ohatcher@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Town of Pinetop-Lakeside currently has no direct access from Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex to trails in the Woodland Lake Park. Thus, we propose 2 connector trails would create that connection and allow for better access to this area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57775				
Location: UNIT - Lakeside Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Navajo. LEGAL - T9N, R22E, Sec. 30. Woodland Lake Park, Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex.					

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