



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

Carson National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Supplement to the Final EIS for Invasive Plant Control Project EIS <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/21/2014 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2017	Expected:05/2018	05/2018	Sandra Imler-Jacquez 505-438-5443 sandraimlerjacquez@fs.fed.us
Description: A supplement to the Final EIS for Invasive Plant Control Project on the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests to disclose, review, and assess additional information.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=27249					
Location: UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units, Santa Fe National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carson and Santa Fe National Forests in New Mexico.					

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

R3 - Southwestern Region

Carson National Forest Revision of Land and Resource Management Plan EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 10/07/2015 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2018	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Kevin Naranjo 575-758-6221 carsonplan@fs.fed.us
Description: Revision of the 1986 Carson National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to update plan direction					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/carsonforestplan					
Location: UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carson National Forest.					

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Carson National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Forest-wide Outfitter-Guide Permit Issuance EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/14/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2018	Expected:05/2018	05/2018	Amy Simms 575-758-6200 comments-southwestern-carson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue new and reissue expiring 10-year permits for outfitter-guide services on the Carson National Forest. Permits would be issued based on the need and capacity within individual geographic areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43472				
Location: UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carson National Forest.					

Carson National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail- Martinez Canyon and Hopewell Lake Trailheads CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/17/2017	08/2017	Ray Martinez 575-684-2489 comments-southwestern-carson-canjilon@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop two trailheads to access the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. One would be located at Martinez Canyon on the Canjilon Ranger District. One would be located at Hopewell Lake on the Tres Piedras Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49014				
Location: UNIT - Canjilon Ranger District, Tres Piedras Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - T25N, R4E, Section 14 and T29N, R7E, Section 32. Adjacent to Martinez Canyon on the Canjilon Ranger District, and Hopewell Lake on the Tres Piedras Ranger District.					

Carson National Forest Camino Real Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Carson National Forest	Camino Real Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
McGaffey Forest and Watershed Restoration EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2017	Expected:08/2019	05/2020	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 comments-southwestern-carson-caminoreal@fs.fed.us
	Description: Part of Taos Valley Watershed Coalition's Landscape Restoration Strategy, the project proposes to re-establish fire-adapted forests, reduce the threat of severe effects from wildfire, provide wood products to communities, and improve wildlife habitat				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52579				
Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T23N R12E sections 1, 11-14, &23-24; T23N R13E sections 2-11, 14-23, & 26-29; T24N R12E sections 13, 24-45, & 36; and T24N R13E sections 8-9 & 16-36; NMPM. Located on both side of Highway 518, from the National Forest boundary on the north to US. Hill on the south and from Miranda Arroyo on the west to Bear Wallow Ridge and Maestas Ridge on the east.					
Miranda Canyon Public Access EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2018	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Daniel O'Toole 575-758-6282 comments-southwestern-carson-caminoreal@fs.fed.us
	Description: Designation of public access routes which may include roads, motorized trails, and/or nonmotorized trails within the Miranda Canyon parcel of the Camino Real Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50824				
Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T 23N, R 12E, sections 1-3, 10-12, & 14; T 24N, R 12E, sections 12-14, 23-26, & 34-36; T 24N, R 13E, sections 7 & 18, NMPM. West and south of Miranda Arroyo, in the Miranda Canyon parcel south of Llano Quemado.					

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Carson National Forest	Camino Real Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Pueblo Ridge Forest Restoration EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2017	Expected:01/2019	05/2019	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 comments- southwestern-carson- caminoreal@fs.fed.us
Description: Vegetation treatments on up to 10,000 acres to restore stand density, forest structure, species composition, and fire hazard to conditions that are more resilient to uncharacteristically severe disturbance.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52575					
Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T25N R13E sections 13-16 & 23-24; T25N R14E sections 7-9, 11, & 13-30; T25N R15E sections 7, 18-19, & 30; NMPM. Project area is north of Highway 64 in Taos Canyon and south of the boundary with Taos Pueblo.					
Rio Trampas EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/10/2017	Expected:10/2017	05/2018	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 comments- southwestern-carson- caminoreal@fs.fed.us
Description: A project to improve forest and watershed health on lands managed by the Camino Real RD. Provide fuelwood and forest products to local communities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45663					
Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 15 miles south of Taos, New Mexico.					
Sipapu Ski Area 2017 Improvements CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2017	Expected:04/2018	05/2018	Paul Schilke 575-587-2255 comments- southwestern-carson- caminoreal@fs.fed.us
Description: Construction of a new 2,200'-long ski trail, including tree-clearing and grading; improvement and widening of existing 'Wormwood Traverse' trail; and installation of a 30'-diameter children's ski school yurt and associated gas and electric utilities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50320					
Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T. 22N, R. 13E, Section 10, NMPM. All proposed activities are located within Sipapu Ski Area's existing Special Use Permit boundary, on the south side of NM State Highway 518.					

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Carson National Forest Canjilon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Pedro and Lorraine Trujillo Expired SUP CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ray Martinez 575-684-2489 comments- southwestern-carson- canjilon@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issue an expired special use permit for an acequia.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48022				
Location: UNIT - Canjilon Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 1 mile northeast of Canjilon, NM. South of Forest Road 559.					

Carson National Forest El Rito Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Sagebrush Habitat Improvement Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sandra Imler-Jacquez 575-581-4554 comments- southwestern-carson- elrito@fs.fed.us
	Description: The El Rito Ranger District is proposing to treat approximately 13,000 acres of sagebrush via mechanical methods and Tebuthiuron, reseed sagebrush treated areas where needed with grasses and forbs, and broadcast burn sagebrush treated areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=38104				
Location: UNIT - El Rito Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple Allotments on the El Rito Ranger District.					

Carson National Forest Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
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Carson National Forest Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
2016 New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Habitat Stamp Program Projects CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2015	Expected:04/2018 Actual: 05/04/2016	05/2018	Patrick Yamnik 505-632-2956 comments- southwestern-carson- jicarilla@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to construct 4 new, relocate 1, decommission 2, and maintain and implement improvements to 23 existing wildlife water developments. Install stream barbs and riparian enclosures within Carrizo/Compañero Canyon.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47011				
Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Township (T) 27N, Range (R) 4W; T28N, R4W; T29N, R4W; T30N, R4W; T30N, R5W; T31N, R4W; T31N, R5W; T32N, R4W; T32N, R5W. Various locations across Jicarilla Ranger District.					
Williams Four Corners, LLC (WFC) Special Use Authorization, Oil and Gas Pipeline CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2013	Expected:04/2018	04/2018	Jon Miller 505-632-2956x77240 jjmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing to approve an application for a special use authorization, submitted by WFC. The special use authorization would allow WFC to operate and maintain an existing natural gas pipeline and associated infrastructure system.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41925				
Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Township (T) 27 N, Range (R) 4 W; T28N, R4W; T29N, R4W; T29N, R5W; T30N, R4W; T30N, R5W; T31N, R4W; T31N, R5W; and T32N, R5W. Jicarilla Ranger District.					

Carson National Forest Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Carson National Forest	Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
14D Mountain Bike Trail CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Eric Garner 575-586-0520 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of 3.2 miles of flow track mountain bike trail within the special use permit boundary of Taos Ski Valley (TSV).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45908				
	Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - NMPM T27N R14E Section 9. The 14D Mountain Bike Trail would be located within the Taos Ski Valley special use permit area. It would begin at the drop-off of Lift 1 (Al's Run) and continue to northeast of the village core.				
East Side Valle Vidal Watershed Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/26/2017	Expected:03/2018	05/2018	George Long 575-586-0520 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improvement of native trout stream habitat and watershed conditions. Work includes stream channel stabilization, headcut remediation, restoration of impaired wetlands, and understory vegetation treatments to restore riparian habitats.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50812				
	Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax. LEGAL - T28N R16E 1-4, 9-11, 15-16; R17E: 2-6, 9-11, 14-15; T29N R16E: 1-4, 10-15, 21-29, 32-36; R17E: 1-24, 26-35; R18E: 4-9, 18-19; T30N R16E: 2-3, 9-11, 14-16, 21-28, 33-36; R17E: 19-23, 25-36; R18E: 31-32. Watersheds on the east side of Valle Vidal occurring on National Forest lands in Colfax County.				

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Highway 150 Corridor Wildland Urban Interface CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2016	Expected:01/2018	05/2018	Raymundo Corral 505-587-2255 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce hazardous fuel levels and improve forest health on approx. 2,000 acres of National Forest managed land along the corridor of New Mexico State Highway 150, leading to the Village of Taos Ski Valley. There will be no treatments in wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49016				
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T27N, R14E, sections 3-8; T27N, R13E 12-14, 22, 23, 27, and 28. National Forest managed land along the corridor of NM State Hwy 150, southwest of the Village of Taos Ski Valley.					
Kiowa-San Cristobal Wildland Urban Interface EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/07/2017	Expected:12/2017	05/2018	Raymundo Corral 575-587-2255 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: A wildland urban interface project that will reduce existing hazardous fuel conditions and improve habitat, range, and resource conditions over approximately 9,000 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45682				
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Secs. 1-4, 9-16, 22, & 23 T27N R12E NMPM; Secs. 6-9 & 16-18 T27N R13E NMPM; Secs. 24-27 & 33-36 T28N R12E NMPM; Secs. 30 T28N R13E NMPM. National Forest System lands adjacent to San Cristobal and Kiowa Village. Project area is bounded to the west by Hwy. 522, to the north by Lama, and to the south by the Arroyo Hondo Land Grant.					

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Carson National Forest Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
New Mexico Gas Company Authorization CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kevin Lehto 575-586-0520 comments-southwestern-carson-questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue to a new owner a special use authorization for existing gas distribution improvements, and analyze the installation of additional pipeline through the National Forest in the Red River area and minor improvements to existing infrastructure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40354				
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple locations across the Questa Ranger District.					
Ponil Creek Watershed Collaborative Landscape Restoration EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2017	Expected:07/2019	09/2019	George Long 575-586-0520 comments-southwestern-carson-questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: Landscape restoration on up to 64,528 acres in Colfax County, in order to promote conditions that are resilient to uncharacteristic disturbances from wildfire, insects, disease, and climatic variability.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52158				
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax. LEGAL - T28N R16E 1-4, 9-11, 15-16; R17E: 2-6, 9-11, 14-15; T29N R16E: 1-4, 10-15, 21-29, 32-36; R17E: 1-24, 26-35; R18E: 4-9, 18-19; T30N R16E: 2-3, 9-11, 14-16, 21-28, 33-36; R17E: 19-23, 25-36; R18E: 31-32. Project would occur on 58,954 acres of NFS lands on the eastern half of the Valle Vidal, and on 5,574 acres of the Elliot Barker Wildlife Area, administered by NM Department of Game & Fish.					

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Carson National Forest	Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Red River Ski Area Multi-Season Improvement EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/14/2017	09/2017	Daniel O'Toole 575-758-6282 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
Description: Ski trail grading and widening; installation of gladed terrain, an interpretive hiking trail, a mountain biking trail, and additional snowmaking infrastructure. Proposed improvements are within the ski area's existing special use permit boundary.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48878					
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T. 28N, R14 E, sections 1 and 2; T. 29N, R. 14E, section 35. Red River Ski Area, located at the Town of Red River.					
Rio Costilla Habitat Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/19/2017	10/2017	Michael Gatlin 575-758-6200 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
Description: Enhance existing aquatic habitat by replacing non-functional in-stream log structures with bank-stabilizing rocks, rock sills, deeper in-stream pools, gravel bars of native materials, and other habitat improvement structures.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50316					
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T 30N, R 15E, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, & 14, NMPM. In and along Rio Costilla and Forest Road 1900 in the Valle Vidal, from Comanche Point to the Forest Service boundary to the North.					
Taos Ski Valley Gazex Avalanche Mitigation System Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Eric Garner 575-586-0520 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
Description: Install a fixed, remotely-operated avalanche control system within avalanche prone areas west of Kachina Peak along and below the ridgeline. This system would improve public and ski patrol safety within TSV, Inc.'s existing permit boundary.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49245					
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T27N, R14E, section 21. Within the existing special use permit boundary held by Taos Ski Valley, Inc.					

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Carson National Forest Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Upper Bitter Creek Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Timothy Fruits 575-758-6312 tfruits@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project will address forest and watershed health issues, improvements to wildlife habitat, provide traditional use forest products, maintain healthy vegetation characteristics that allow resistance to wildfire, insect and disease outbreaks.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=33860				
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - R.15E./T.30N. - Sec.31,32,33 and R.15E./T.29N.- Sec.3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,15,16,17,18,20. Headwaters of 3 watersheds, all tributaries of the Red River WS, including Bitter Creek, Cabresto Creek, Mallette Creek, has some common boundary with VV Unit and RCLA.					

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Carson National Forest Tres Piedras Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Rio Tusas-Lower San Antonio Landscape Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/15/2017	Expected:10/2017	03/2018	Lora Arciniaga 575-581-4554 comments-southwestern-carson-tres-piedras@fs.fed.us
	Description: The objective is to conserve and restore the Rio Tusas-Lower San Antonio landscape in order to increase forest ecosystem sustainability and resiliency to natural disturbances such as drought and climatic variability, insects, disease, fire and wind				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47861				
Location: UNIT - Tres Piedras Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located on the Tres Piedras Ranger District of the Carson National Forest (CNF) and surrounds the community of Tres Piedras in northern New Mexico.					

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Carson National Forest	Tres Piedras Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Santos Grazing Allotment EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Wayne Yonemoto 575-758-8678 comments- southwestern-carson- tres-piedras@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permit adjustment of season of use. *Project placed on hold due to comments received during comment period.*				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40136				
	Location: UNIT - Tres Piedras Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T. 25N, R. 10 E., Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10; T. 26N, R 10 E, Sections 19, 20, 26, 27, 29-31, 33-35. Tres Piedras Ranger District, Carson National Forest.				

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