



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

Carson National Forest

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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 06/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Peter Rich 575-758-6277 prich@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.					
Forest-wide Outfitter-Guide Permit Issuance EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/28/2018	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	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 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	
Holman Hill Fiber Optic Installation CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2019	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Paul Schilke 575-587-2255 comments- southwestern-carson- caminoreal@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Carson National Forest proposes to issue a special use permit to La Jicarita Rural Telephone Cooperative for installation of app. 1/4 mile of fiber optic cable, buried in a trench measuring app. 12" by 36", with a maintenance Right-of-Way of 15'.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55792				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Mora, Taos. LEGAL - T 21N, R 14E, Section 10, NMPM. Just south of Highway 518, staddling the Taos and Mora county lines.				
McGaffey Forest and Rio Grande del Rancho Watershed Restoration EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/24/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	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.				
Pueblo Ridge Restoration EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/16/2019	Expected:09/2019	05/2020	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 gmromero@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.				

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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.					
Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center Disposal (FSFREA) CE	- Land ownership management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2018	Expected:02/2019	05/2019	Alicia Gallegos 575-758-6255 aagallegos@fs.fed.us
	Description: Disposal of the Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center and up to 40 acres of property. The Site is located and managed by the Canjilon Ranger District, Carson National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55232				
Location: UNIT - Canjilon Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - SW 1/4 of Section 10, T. 24N., R.04E Rio Arriba County, NM. 14.5 miles Northwest of the Town of Abiquiu on the east side of US Highway 84.					

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.					

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Carson National Forest	Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Jicarilla Ponderosa Pine Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2018	Expected:08/2019	01/2020	Cynthia Campbell 505-632-2956 cicampbell@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Jicarilla RD is proposing to treat, mechanically or with prescribed fire approximately 33,292 acres of predominately Ponderosa pine to restore healthy timber stands, improve wildlife habitat, and reduce fire danger.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54490				
	Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carson National Forest, Jicarilla Ranger District. Proposed project is spread throughout the district within Ponderosa pine ecosystems.				
San Juan Resources, Inc. well locations and ancillary facilities. CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		05/2019	Jon Miller 505-632-2956x240 jjmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: San Juan Resources, Inc. proposes to construct, drill, produce, and maintain two natural gas well locations and associated ancillary facilities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55539				
	Location: UNIT - Jicarilla Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Rio Arriba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mestenas Mesa area of the Jicarilla Ranger District.				
Williams Four Corners, LLC (WFC) Special Use Authorization, Oil and Gas Pipeline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2013	Expected:12/2018	12/2018	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.				

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Carson National Forest	Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Bobcat Ranch Fuelbreak CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2019	Expected:08/2019	05/2021	Paul Mondragon 505-586-7301 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
Description: 22 acres of thinning treatment to create a 600-foot-wide fuelbreak.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54944					
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T 29N, R 16E, section 29, NMPM. North of Black Mountain, on the southern border of the Valle Vidal Management Unit of the Questa Ranger District.					
East Side Valle Vidal Watershed and Midnight Meadows Wetlands Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/26/2017	Expected:04/2019	09/2019	George Long 575-586-0520 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
Description: Improvement of stream habitat, watershed conditions, and wetland degradation. Work includes stream channel stabilization, headcut remediation, restoration of impaired wetlands, enclosure fencing, and vegetation treatments to restore riparian areas.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50812					
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax, Taos. LEGAL - T28N R16E 1-4 9-11 15-16; R17E: 2-6 9-11 14-15; T29N R16E: 1-4 10-15 21-36; R17E: 1-35; R18E: 4-9 18-19; T30N R16E: 2-3 9-16 21-28 33-36; R17E: 19-36; R18E: 31-32; T29N R14E 1 12-13; R15E 3-10 15-18. Watersheds on the east side of Valle Vidal occurring on National Forest lands, as well as Midnight Meadows, i.e. the headwaters of the Red River watershed and Cabresto Creek drainage.					

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Ponil Creek Watershed Collaborative Landscape Restoration EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2019	Expected:08/2020	05/2021	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.				
Red River Water System Improvements CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Eric Garner 575-586-0520 comments-southwestern-carson-questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Carson National Forest proposes to amend the Town of Red River's special use permit to install a 6"-diameter water line, valves, fire hydrants, and a 6"-diameter sewer line for approximately 4,300' along Bitter Creek Road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55779				
	Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T 29N, R 14E, Sections 25 & 36, NMPM. On Forest Service lands along the recreation residences of Bitter Creek Road, just north of the Town of Red River.				

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Carson National Forest Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Rio Grande Trail - Red River to Horse Thief Mesa CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2018	Expected:06/2019	06/2019	Eric Garner 575-586-7325 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: App. 13 miles of existing two-tracks and trails are proposed to be designated and maintained as system trails as part of the Rio Grande trail network. A limited amount of new trail construction is proposed to connect existing two-tracks and trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54943				
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - T 27N, R 12E, sections 4, 5, 8, 9, and 16; T 28N, R 12E, sections 20, 28, 29, 32, and 33. East rim of the Rio Grande gorge between the Red River corridor to the North and BLM lands on Horse Thief Mesa to the South.					
Taos Ski Valley Via Ferrata Project CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/17/2018	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Adam LaDell 575-586-7304 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
	Description: Carson National Forest proposes to amend TSV's special use permit to construct 3 via ferrata climbing areas in the Kachina Bowl. This would include 0.7 mile of trail, an aerial walkway, and drilling into rock to attach steel cable, rungs, and pegs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55224				
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - SE 1/4 of section 16 and NE 1/4 of section 21, T 27N, R 14E, NMPM. Via ferrata pods would be located within the Kachina bowl at the top of Lift 4, within the special use permit area of Taos Ski Valley.					

Carson National Forest Tres Piedras Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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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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