



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Carson National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*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.					

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

Northern New Mexico Riparian, Aquatic, and Wetland Restoration Project EA	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/04/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Joshua Hall 505-438-5430 joshua.hall@usda.gov
Description: The Forest Service proposes to restore riparian, aquatic, and wetland habitat on the Carson, Cibola, and Santa Fe National Forests, and the Kiowa Grasslands in New Mexico by implementing a variety of restoration activities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56975					
Location: UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units, Mount Taylor Ranger District, Magdalena Ranger District, Sandia Ranger District, Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands, Mountainair Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Cibola, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cibola, Carson, and Santa Fe National Forests and Kiowa National Grasslands.					

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

R3 - Southwestern Region

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Carson National Forest Revision of Land and Resource Management Plan EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/09/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2020	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/17/2020	03/2020	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
Forest Road 478 Rio Chiquito Bridge Reconstruction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 03/19/2020	04/2020	John Littlefield 575-758-6311 john.littlefield@usda.gov
	Description: This project is to demolish and remove the existing bridge and replace it with a bottomless arch to maintain access to this major thoroughfare, reduce sedimentation, and improve instream flow and aquatic habitat. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57863				
	Location: UNIT - Camino Real Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - NW1/4, SW1/4, sec 14, T24N, R14E. This location is at mile post 0.1 on Forest Service Road 478 on the Carson National Forest as it crosses the Rio Chiquito approximately 13 miles east of the intersection of FR 437 with State Highway 68 near Taos, NM.				

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Holman Hill Fiber Optic Installation CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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 04/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	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	- 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			
Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center Disposal (FSFREA) CE *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2019	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	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.					

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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	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/17/2018	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	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.					
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
Bitter Creek Waterline Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/27/2020	01/2020	Philip MacAskill 559-855-5355 philipmacaskill@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Town of Red River is proposing the construction of a new water distribution line along Bitter Creek Road (Forest Road 77) in Taos County, New Mexico. The project is being funded by the town of Red River. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57106				
	Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Intersection of Bitter Creek Road (Forest Road 77) and Keystone Trail headed northwest approximately 3,300 feet.				
Bobcat Ranch Fuelbreak CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	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, exclosure 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	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/04/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	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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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.					
Valle Vidal Northeast Prescribed Burn CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2020	Expected:03/2020	03/2020	James Arciniega 530-629-2118 jaarciniega@fs.fed.us
	Description: A prescribed fire project that will reduce existing hazardous fuel conditions and improve habitat, range, and resource conditions over approximately 21,000 acres in the Valle Vidal.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57776				
Location: UNIT - Questa Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax. LEGAL - T29N R16E Sec 1-3, 11-14, 23-25 T29N R17E Sec 2-20 T30N R16E Sec 25, 36 T30N R17E Sec 20-23, 25-36 and portions thereof. Access to the project area is principally via Forest Road 1950 and secondary access via Forest Roads 1910 and 1914.					

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