



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

### Carson National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				

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

<b>Northern New Mexico Riparian, Aquatic, and Wetland Restoration Project</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56975">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56975</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Carson National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Carson National Forest Revision of Land and Resource Management Plan</b>  EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/09/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Peter Rich 575-758-6277 prich@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Revision of the 1986 Carson National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to update plan direction				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/carsonforestplan">http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/carsonforestplan</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Carson National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carson National Forest.					

<b>Carson National Forest Camino Real Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Holman Hill Fiber Optic Installation</b>  CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Paul Schilke 575-587-2255 comments- southwestern-carson- caminoreal@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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'.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55792">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55792</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>McGaffey Forest and Rio Grande del Rancho Watershed Restoration</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/24/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 comments-southwestern-carson-caminoreal@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52579">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52579</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Pueblo Ridge Restoration</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/21/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Gabriel Romero 575-587-2255 gmromero@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52575">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52575</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Carson National Forest</b>	<b>Canjilon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center Disposal (FSFREA)</b> CE	- Land ownership management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2019	Expected:07/2020	09/2020	Alicia Gallegos 575-758-6255 aagallegos@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55232">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55232</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Carson National Forest</b>	<b>Jicarilla Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Jicarilla Ponderosa Pine Restoration</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/17/2018	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Cynthia Campbell 505-632-2956 cicampbell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54490">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54490</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Williams Four Corners, LLC (WFC) Special Use Authorization, Oil and Gas Pipeline</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2013	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Jon Miller 505-632-2956x77240 jjmiller@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41925">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41925</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Carson National Forest Questa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Bobcat Ranch Fuelbreak</b> CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Paul Mondragon 505-586-7301 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 22 acres of thinning treatment to create a 600-foot-wide fuelbreak.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54944">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54944</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Ponil Creek Watershed Collaborative Landscape Restoration</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	George Long 575-586-0520 comments- southwestern-carson- questa@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52158">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52158</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Rio Grande Trail - Red River to Horse Thief Mesa</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Eric Garner 575-586-7325 comments-southwestern-carson-questa@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54943">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54943</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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