



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2019 to 03/31/2019

Cibola National Forest

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Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts Revised Land and Resource Management Plan EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/20/2012 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2019	Expected:10/2020	01/2021	Sarah Browne 505-346-3812 sarahbrowne@fs.fed.us
Description: Revision of the 1985 Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to develop specific direction for the Sandia, Mountainair, Mount Taylor, and Magdalena Ranger Districts.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46268					
Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District, Magdalena Ranger District, Sandia Ranger District, Mountainair Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Catron, Cibola, Lincoln, McKinley, Sandoval, Sierra, Socorro, Torrance, Valencia. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sandia Ranger District is located directly east of Albuquerque; Mountainair RD is located 40-60 miles SE of Abq; Mt Taylor RD is 70 miles west of Abq; Magdalena is 80 miles SW of Abq.					
USAF Training Area EA <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/21/2013	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Zachary Parsons 505-346-3818 zparsons@fs.fed.us
Description: Military training area permit on Mountainair, Mount Taylor, Magdalena, and Sandia Ranger Districts					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=5375					
Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District, Magdalena Ranger District, Sandia Ranger District, Mountainair Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Cibola, Socorro, Torrance. LEGAL - Specific areas on each district. Mountainair, Magdalena, and Sandia Ranger Districts.					

Cibola National Forest Black Kettle National Grassland (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Cibola National Forest Black Kettle National Grassland (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Black Kettle Fish Habitat Improvement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2019	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	Todd Stewart 580-497-2143 tcstewart@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve fish habitat by adding fish structures to man-made lakes within the Black Kettle District.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma, Texas. COUNTY - Roger Mills, Gray, Hemphill. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unit-Black Kettle Ranger District State- OK/TX Manmade ponds and lakes located across the district.				
Northfork Electrical Coop, Inc., Powerline CE CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2018	Expected:02/2019	02/2019	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue special use permit for rural electrification administration for existing above ground powerlines.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unit-Black Kettle Ranger District State- OK				
Tecolote Energy, LLC, Pipeline CE CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2018	Expected:03/2019	03/2019	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue special use authorization for an existing natural gas pipeline.g				
	Location: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Crosses BKNG units 46, 54, & 63.				
Western Farmers Electrical Coop, Inc, Powerline CE CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2018	Expected:02/2019	02/2019	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue special use permit for rural electrification administration for existing above ground powerlines.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unit-Black Kettle Ranger District State- OK				

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Cibola National Forest Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Kiowa Vacant Unit Prescribed Burns CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/07/2016	Expected:01/2019	03/2019	Kristen Linner 575-374-9652 klinner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to improve wildlife habitat and reduce fuel loads through prescribe burning in Units K-44, K-45E, K-47N, and K-79.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50995				
Location: UNIT - Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - T26N, R37E, sections 7 and 8; T27N, R37E, section 32; T27N, R36E, section 27, 28, 33, 34; T28N, R37E, sections 17 and 18. About 7 miles northeast of Clayton, NM.					
RB-35 and K-87 Playa Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2018	Expected:02/2019	03/2019	Kristen Linner 575-374-9652 klinner@fs.fed.us
	Description: restore hydrologic function and provide wildlife habitat in 2 pitted playas				
	Location: UNIT - Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Project Area is located in two separate areas. One playa is in the Rita Blanca National Grassland unit RB-35, The other playa is in the Kiowa National Grassland unit K-87, about 5.7 miles southwest of Mills, New Mexico in Union County.				

Cibola National Forest Magdalena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Baldy Allotment Grazing Authorization EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/25/2011 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Donald Serrano 505-346-3900 dlserrano@fs.fed.us
	Description: Livestock grazing authorization and related management activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37209				
Location: UNIT - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Socorro. LEGAL - T3S, R3W, S. 14-17, 19-36 and T4S, R3W, S.1-23, 25-35. 10 miles southeast of Magdalena, NM.					

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Cibola National Forest Magdalena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Mineral Withdrawal of Zuni Fleabane Habitat EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2012 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Zachary Parsons 505-346-3818 zparsons@fs.fed.us
	Description: Withdraw from mineral entry about 1,000 acres of habitat in 4 areas to facilitate recovery of the federally threatened Zuni fleabane (Erigeron rhizomatous).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37526				
Location: UNIT - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - T1N, R11W, portions of sections 4, 9 and 10; T2N, R11W, portion of section 36; T1N, R10W, portions of sections 3 and 4. 4 areas in the Datil Mountains and Sawtooth Mountains.					

Cibola National Forest Mount Taylor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Laramide Resources Mine Development - La Jara Mesa EIS	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Diane Tafoya 505-346-3809 dtafoya@fs.fed.us
	Description: Laramide Resources proposes to tunnel two inclined adits from under the west edge of La Jara Mesa to remove 40,000 tons of uranium ore for testing and to begin development of a production mine.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=25654				
Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola. LEGAL - T12N, R9W, Sections 11, 12, 14, and 15. La Jara Mesa north of Grants, NM.					

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Cibola National Forest Mount Taylor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Puerco Landscape Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/10/2017	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	Shawn Martin 505-346-3856 samartin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Increase watershed resiliency by reestablishing and restoring forest structure and pattern, health, fire regime, vegetation composition and diversity of forest ecosystems to conditions within the natural range of variability and desired conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50987				
Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola, McKinley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The eastern edge of project is located area about 1 mile southwest of Coolidge, NM, and encompasses the western portion of the Zuni Mountains.					
Roca Honda LLC Project - Exploration and Mine Development EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/15/2013 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2019	Expected:03/2019	04/2019	Diane Tafoya 505-346-3809 dtafoya@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to develop and conduct underground uranium mining operations on Roca Honda Resources LLC mining claims on and near Jesus Mesa with a surface disturbance area of 183 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=18431				
Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - McKinley. LEGAL - T. 13N., R 8W., Sections 9 and 10. Approximately 3 miles northwest of San Mateo, New Mexico.					
Sacred Winds Fiber Optic Line Install CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2018	Expected:02/2019	03/2019	Zachary Parsons 505-346-3818 zparsons@fs.fed.us
	Description: To install approximately 8 miles of fiber optic line along the powerline corridor on the Mt. Taylor side of the District, along the PNM and Continental Divide Electric Power line road.				
	Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola, McKinley. LEGAL - Section 16/21 in Township 13 North, Range 7 West. Along the powerline right-of-way for approximately 3 1/2 miles then transitioning in Section 16/21 in Township 13 North, Range 7 West to and along Forrest Road 239 and 192 for ap.				

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Uranium Exploration Drilling EIS	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Diane Tafoya 505-346-3809 dtafoya@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to approve multiple Plans of Operations for exploratory drilling to determine the extent of uranium deposits in several areas on the mesas surrounding Mt. Taylor.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=33948				
Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola, McKinley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Several locations including San Mateo Mesa and La Jara Mesa northeast of Grants, NM.					

Cibola National Forest Mountainair Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Capilla Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/16/2018	Expected:12/2018	12/2018	Aaron Johnson 505-281-3304 ext. 127 aaronjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project will implement restoration treatments such as thinning to reduce the risk of high-intensity wildfire by reducing fuels on the remaining unburned forested watershed in the central Manzano Mountains.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53631				
Location: UNIT - Mountainair Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Torrance. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 5 North; Range 5 East; Sections 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 33.					

Cibola National Forest Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Outfitter Guide Special Use Permit Renewal for Cedar Crest Country Cottage & Stables. CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2018	Expected:02/2019	02/2019	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 110 eschuster@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to replace an expired permit and issue a 10-year priority special use permit to Cedar Crest Country Cottage & Stables for guided horseback riding.				
	Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Armijo area trails on the Sandia Ranger District.				

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Cibola National Forest Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Sandia Crest House Special Use Permit Reissuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2018	Expected:02/2019	02/2019	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 5110 eschuster@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Sandia Crest House is under a current special use permit and is being transferred to a new owner. With the transfer, a new permit will be issued with a 20 year term.				
	Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - 35.210458, -106.449486 . Unit-Sandia Ranger District, State-New Mexico, County-Bernalillo.				
Sandia Soaring Association Improvements to Sandia Peak Launch CE CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/02/2018	Expected:09/2018	10/2018	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 110 eschuster@fs.fed.us
	Description: Making Improvements to the existing Sandia Launch				
	Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Not applicable- Just north of Sandia Peak Tram Upper Terminal.				
Sandia Trail Improvements EA EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Kerry Wood 505-281-3304 ext. 5107 kwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve non-motorized dispersed recreation w/rehab,designation,or decommissioning user-created trails,add trails in high use areas. Establish/improve trailheads,rules for parking/trails in Placitas area,identify dispersed camping Las Huertas Canyon.				
	Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo, Sandoval. LEGAL - T10N., R5E. Sections 3, 10, T11N., R5E. Sections 3-6, 8-15, 22-23, 26-27, 34, T12N., R5E. Sections 5-7, 27-35, T12N., R5E. Sections 1-3, 10-12. Unit-Sandia Ranger District.				

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