



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

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 08/2019	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Sarah Browne 505-346-3812 sarah.browne@usda.gov v
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 NG RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Cibola National Forest BLACK KETTLE NG RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Black Kettle Fish Habitat Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55333				
	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 12/03/2018	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue special use permit for rural electrification administration for existing above ground powerlines. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54831				
	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:11/2019	11/2019	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue special use authorization for an existing natural gas pipeline.g Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54830				
	Location: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Crosses BKNG units 46, 54, & 63.				

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Cibola National Forest BLACK KETTLE NG RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Western Farmers Electrical Coop, Inc, Powerline CE CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2018	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Tom Smeltzer 580-497-2143 tsmeltzer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue special use permit for rural electrification administration for existing above ground powerlines.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54832				
Location: UNIT - Black Kettle National Grassland. STATE - Oklahoma. COUNTY - Roger Mills. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unit-Black Kettle Ranger District State- OK					

Cibola National Forest Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Canadian River Crossing Aquatic Organism Passage CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2019	Expected:09/2019	12/2019	Kristen Linner 575-374-9652 klinner@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project objectives are to develop a low-water crossing which allows full passage of aquatic organisms and preserves vehicular access to the public land across the Canadian river as well as maintaining a pool habitat upstream.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55368				
Location: UNIT - Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Harding, Mora. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located about 9 miles northwest of Roy, New Mexico in Mills Canyon at the FR-600 crossing on the Canadian River.					
Kiowa Vacant Unit Prescribed Burns CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/29/2019	04/2019	Kristen Linner 575-374-9652 klinner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to improve wildlife habitat and reduce fuel loads through prescribe burning on about 2,645 acres, in Units K-44, K-45E, K-47N, and K-79.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50994				
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 east of Clayton, NM.					

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Kiowa Vacant Unit Prescribed Burns CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/29/2019	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	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/25/2018	Expected:11/2019	12/2019	Kristen Linner 575-374-9652 klinner@fs.fed.us
	Description: restore hydrologic function and provide wildlife habitat in 2 pitted playas				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53193				
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
2nd Entry Burns Corn Canyon Unit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Amanda Rael 575-854-2281 amanda.rael@usda.gov
	Description: Conduct a second entry prescribed burn for restoration and maintenance of wildlife habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56408				
Location: UNIT - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Socorro. LEGAL - The project location is T9S, R5W, Sections 1 - 12, 16 & 17; T9S, R6W, Section 1; T8S. The project is located within Management area 13 in Socorro County in the southern area of the San Mateo Mountains.					

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Cibola National Forest Magdalena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Baldy Allotment Grazing Authorization EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/25/2011 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2019	Expected:03/2020	04/2020	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.				
Mineral Withdrawal of Zuni Fleabane Habitat EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2012 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	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:12/2019	01/2020	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 08/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	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	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/04/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54299				
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 Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Bernalillo Schools Fiber Optic Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Antonio Garcia 505-281-3304 #128 antonio.s.garcia@usda.gov
	Description: Project proposed to place fiber optic cable within the south right-of-way of NM 165. By plow, trench and bore method; project enters Forest Service right-of-way south of NM 165's Mile post 2.75 and exits the right-of-way at mile post 4.09.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56410				
Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - T12N, R4E. Section 1, 2. Right-of-way south of NM 165's Mile post 2.75 and exits the right-of-way at mile post 4.09.					
Outfitter Guide Special Use Permit Renewal for Cedar Crest Country Cottage & Stables. CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47996				
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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55344				
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 Trails Improvements CE CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Kerry Wood 505-281-3304 ext. 5107 kwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve & expand non-motorized dispersed recreation opportunities (trails) w/construction,designation,relocation,decommissioning of trails.Install barriers,rehabilitation/closure activities to limit degradation from vehicles at informal parking areas				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55336				
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.					
UNM KNME Tower Replacement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Antonio Garcia 505-281-3304 #128 antonio.s.garcia@usda.gov
	Description: KNME-TV is requesting permission to amend existing permit to remove their current tower and replace with a new 140%u2019 self-supporting tower south of their building on Sandia Crest Communication Site. No additional uses, no change to tower height.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56409				
Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - T11N, R5E. Section 6. New location within permitted area south of UNM KNME building on Sandia Crest Communication Site.					

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