



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Cibola National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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

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

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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.					

Cibola National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts Revised 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 05/2021	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Sarah Browne 505-346-3812 sarah.browne@usda.gov
	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.					

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Cibola National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					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 03/2021	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Andrea Chavez 5053463818 Andrea.Chavez@usda.gov
	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 - Mount Taylor Ranger District, 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.					
USAF Training Area EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/12/2020	01/2021	Zachary Parsons 505-346-3871 zachary.parsons@usda.gov
	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
Northfork Electrical Coop, Inc., Powerline CE CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2018	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	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					

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Cibola National Forest BLACK KETTLE NG RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Tecolote Energy, LLC, Pipeline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2018	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	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.					
Western Farmers Electrical Coop, Inc, Powerline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2018	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	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	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/26/2020	10/2020	Kristen Warren 505-842-3436 kristen.warren@usda.gov
	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.					

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Cibola National Forest District)	Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands (excluding Projects occurring in more than one				R3 - Southwestern Region
RB-35 and K-87 Playa Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/25/2018	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Kristen Warren 505-842-3436 kristen.warren@usda.gov
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
Baldy Allotment Grazing Authorization EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/25/2011 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2021	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	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.					
Forest Road 10 Re-route CE	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Peggy Okeefe 505-346-3848 peggy.okeefe@usda.gov
Description: Re-route Forest Road 10 at mile marker 12-12.5 due to erosion and undercutting of existing portion.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57981					
Location: UNIT - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Socorro. LEGAL - T1S R6W, section 35. 12-12.5 miles on Forest Road 10 in the Gallinas Mountains on the Magdalena Ranger District.					

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Cibola National Forest Magdalena Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Second Entry Burns: San Juan Unit CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Jessee Montoya 575-854-2281 jessee.montoya@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=57980				
Location: UNIT - Magdalena Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Socorro. LEGAL - T8S R5W sections 1-3, 10-15, 23, 24 T8S R4W section 5-8, 17-20, 29, 30, 32. T7S R5W section 13, 14, 22-27, 34, 35, 36 T7S R4W section 17-20, 29-32. Western boundary consists of White Mule Ridge and Apache Kid Wilderness, north and east boundary is FR 86. Southern boundary consists of FR 86 following Steel Hill Peak along ridge back to Apache Kid.					

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Cibola National Forest Mount Taylor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Lobo Canyon Trail CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/03/2020	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	Arnold Wilson 505-287-8833 awilson01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hiking, Mountain Biking, and Equestrian Trail planning for an externally proposed project on Grants Ridge. Cibola Trail Alliance in collaboration with the Zuni Mountain Collaborative is the proponent proposing trail development.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58897				
Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trail is located just north of the community of Grants, New Mexico in Cibola County.					
Roca Honda LLC Project - Exploration and Mine Development EIS	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jenna Padilla 505-346-3840 jenna.padilla@usda.gov
	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.					

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Cibola National Forest	Mount Taylor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Serna Pasture Riparian Enhancement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Consuelo Lemaire 505-287-8833 clemaire@fs.fed.us
	Description: Allow for and promote recovery of the Shush Ken Histosol Fen, the improvement of riparian characteristics in the headwaters of Bluewater creek, improvement of habitat for Rio Grande sucker (<i>Catostomus plebeius</i>) and the Rio Grande chub (<i>Gila pandora</i>).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56970				
	Location: UNIT - Mount Taylor Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Cibola. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 11 North; Range 13 West; Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21. The analysis is located in Cibola County in New Mexico.				

Cibola National Forest	Mountainair Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Corona Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Aaron Johnson 505-281-3304 ext. 127 aaronjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will restore the forest ecosystem and reduce fuel loadings on the Gallinas Unit of the Mountainair District. The treatments are needed to reduce the potential of uncharacteristic wildfires to protect the Community of Corona.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56916				
	Location: UNIT - Mountainair Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T1S, R11E, Sec. 10-15 and 22-27; T1S, R12E, 7,18-19, and 30. Project are is in the southern portion of the Gallinas Unit of the Mountainair Ranger District in Lincoln County, New Mexico, near the Village of Corona.				

Cibola National Forest	Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
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Cibola National Forest Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Installation and Maintenance of a Micrometeorological Station CE	- Special use management - Research and Development	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Elke Schuster 505-281-3304 Ext. 110 elke.schuster@usda.gov
	Description: New permit to UNM researcher to take over an existing weather station operated by USGS and replace some of the equipment for the purpose of monitoring meteorological conditions including snow depth for hydrological and groundwater recharge.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57398				
Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - T11N, R5E, Sec 5. The existing micrometeorological station that will be acquired and modified is located near the 10K South trailhead, outside of designated Wilderness.					
Outfitter Guide Special Use Permit Renewal for Cedar Crest Country Cottage & Stables. CE	- 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.					
Sandia Crest House Special Use Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	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=58235				
Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Lat 35.210458,Long 106.449486 . The Sandia Crest House is located at the top of the Sandia Crest on Hwy 536 (Sandia Crest Road).					

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Cibola National Forest Sandia Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/07/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Crystal Powell 505-281-3304 x5117 crystal.powell@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of a mountain coaster by Sandia Peak Ski Area (SPSA). In 2017 SPSA modified their master plan with conceptual long term operations including year-round recreational uses outlined in 2011 Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56985				
Location: UNIT - Sandia Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Bernalillo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within SPSA permitted area in Sections 4-6, 8, 9, T11N R5E, NM Principal Meridian.					
Sandia Trails Improvements CE CE	- Recreation management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2019	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	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	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2019	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Crystal Powell 505-281-3304 crystal.powell@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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