



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

Gila National Forest

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

Stateline Range NEPA EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/03/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Kent Ellett 928-965-4150 kellett@fs.fed.us
Description: Re-authorize livestock grazing for allotments on Gila NF-Glenwood RD: Alma, Citizen, Dry Creek, Holt Gulch, Pleasanton, Potholes & Sacaton; and on A-S NF-Clifton RD: Alma Mesa, Lop Ear, Copperas, Pleasant Valley, Blackjack, Hickey & Keller Canyon					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22466					
Location: UNIT - Glenwood Ranger District, Clifton Ranger District. STATE - Arizona, New Mexico. COUNTY - Greenlee, Catron, Grant. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Allotments located along the stateline between the Clifton and Glenwood Ranger Districts.					

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

R3 - Southwestern Region

Revision of Forest Plan for the Gila National Forest EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 04/26/2017 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2020	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Matthew Schultz 575-388-8280 gilaplan@fs.fed.us
Description: Forest Plan Revision					
Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671					
Location: UNIT - Gila National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Sierra. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project encompasses the entire Gila National Forest located in the southwest corner of New Mexico.					

Gila National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R3 - Southwestern Region

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Gila National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Gila Monster Gran Fondo Road Bike Recreation Event CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2018	Expected:12/2019	04/2020	Christa Osborn 575-388-8421 cmosborn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue 5 year term recreation event permit for Gila Monster Gran Fondo to use 3 rest stops along Hwy 15 - Wildhorse Mesa, Copperas Vista, and Gila Cliff Dwelling parking lot located on Silver City and Wilderness Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55274				
Location: UNIT - Wilderness Ranger District, Silver City Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - T15S R13W SEC 7; T14S R13W SEC.4; T12S R14W SEC 27. 3 rest stops along Hwy 15: Silver City RD at Wild Horse Mesa; Wilderness RD at Copperas Vista/Senator P. Anderson Overlook and Gila Cliff Dwelling parking lot.					

Gila National Forest Black Range Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
NMDOT - Mud Hole Quarry and Stockpile Site CE	- Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michael Hutchins 828-682-6146 mnhutchins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-opening an existing quarry site to the New Mexico DOT for a gravel source				
	Location: UNIT - Black Range Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Sierra. LEGAL - T10S, R10W, NWNWNW Section 11. 1 miles west of the Mud Hole private property, north of NM 159.				
Sierra Electric Cooperative - Reroute and Upgrades CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2019	Expected:11/2019	12/2019	Michael Hutchins 828-682-6146 mnhutchins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. has applied to modify their permit to construct and operate 0.8 miles of re-routed segment of the powerline across NFS lands and upgrade the entire line to 14.4Kv. The old poles and lines would be removed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55687				
Location: UNIT - Black Range Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The powerline runs from Cuchillo Substation off forest and mostly parallels Hwy 59 on Forest. The re-route site is located approx. 1.5 miles east of Poverty Creek parallel to Hwy 59.					

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Wanek Private Land Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/20/2015	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Michael Hutchins 828-682-6146 mnhutchins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction and issuance of a road easement to a private piece of property in exchange for a public easement across private land along an existing road for public recreation access.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Range Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Sierra. LEGAL - NE1/4SW1/4 SECTION 18 T.16 S., R. 8 W. South of Kingston, NM.				

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Gila National Forest Glenwood Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Catron County Public Target Range north of Alma. NM CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Patsy Ramos 575-388-8374 pramos@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of an existing target range in the Glenwood, NM area S1/2SE1/4 Section 16, N1/2NE1/4 Section 21, T.10 S., R.20 W., NMPM				
	Location: UNIT - Glenwood Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - S1/2SE1/4 Section 16, N1/2NE1/4 Section 21, T.10S., R.20W., NMPM. North of the Deep Creek Road, approx. 4 Miles North of Alma, NM.				
Tour of the Gila Road Bike Recreation Event CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2018	Expected:12/2019	04/2020	Christa Osborn 575-388-8421 cmosborn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a 5 year term recreation event permit for Tour of the Gila for use of one rest stop at intersection of US Hwy 180 and NM Hwy 159 and stage finish area along NM Hwy 159 on the Glenwood RD.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55275				
Location: UNIT - Glenwood Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - T1S R20W SEC 2. Intersection of US HWY 180 and NM 159 to Mogollon and on NM 159 on the Glenwood RD.					

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Gila National Forest Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region

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Gila National Forest Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Agua Fria Water System CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2016	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Ralph Fink 575-773-4578 rfink@fs.fed.us
	Description: Purpose of project is to improve existing water sources on the Agua Fria Allotment. Improvements would benefit wildlife and livestock. Proposed to install approx. 2.7 miles of pipeline, 1 or 2 storage tanks, and 2 troughs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54675				
Location: UNIT - Quemado Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - T1S R17W SEC 10,11,15. Located on the northern boundary of the district approximately 9 miles south of the community of Quemado and west of highway 32.					
Luna Restoration Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/22/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Emily Irwin 505-842-3281 eirwin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ecological restoration project: minimize impacts of high severity fire/community protection; veg/forest health mgmt; improve watershed conditions; protect/conservate wildlife habitat. See also http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828973				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47817				
Location: UNIT - Quemado Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - Project area extends over Townships 3S, 4S, 5S, & 6S and Ranges 19W, 20W, & 21W. Project encompasses community of Luna. Extends south of Luna to the Dry Blue; north to the district boundary; west to the stateline; and east of Centerfire Creek.					
Quemado RD Willie Steele and Escondido Trail Re-Routes CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lisa Dennisson 575-773-4678 lmdennisson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Decommission approx. 0.75 miles of trail segments on Willie Steele and Escondido that dead end on private land and construct 1.6 and 1.0 miles respectively around private land providing access entirely on forest lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55273				
Location: UNIT - Quemado Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - T3S R18W SEC 8 AND T1S R15W SEC 18. Trails are located southwest of Quemado Lake.					

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Gila National Forest Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Reissuance of existing and expired Term Permits for Outfitter & Guides. CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/08/2019	08/2019	Lisa Dennisson 575-773-4678 lisa.dennisson@usda.gov
	Description: Reissuance of expired term permits for five outfitter operations. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56109				
	Location: UNIT - Quemado Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Sierra. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest wide outfitter & guide activities.				
Sheep Cabin Water System CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/23/2018	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Ralph Fink 575-682-2551 rfink@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve existing water sources on El Caso Allotment near Poison Cyn. These water improvement structures will benefit wildlife, including bats, and livestock. Action will install approx. 2.3 miles of pipeline, 4 storage tanks, 3 troughs, and 1 well. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53421				
	Location: UNIT - Quemado Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - T1S R15W SEC 32; T2S R15W SEC 5, 7, & 8. Approximately 13 miles south of Quemado, NM, on the El Caso grazing allotment within Poison Canyon.				

Gila National Forest Reserve Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Black Bob and Lower Plaza Allotment EA EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/19/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Aaron Baldrige 575-533-6231 abaldrige@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes to authorize livestock grazing consistent with Forest Service policy and to provide long-term management direction for domestic livestock grazing. The Black Bob Allotment is proposed to be split into two Allotments. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53006				
	Location: UNIT - Reserve Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - Black Bob:T6SR19W Sec.1-4,8-17,19-36 T6SR20 Sec.25,35-36 T6SR18W Sec.2-11,15-21,29-32 T7SR18W Sec.5-7 T7SR19W Sec.2-7 T7SR18W Sec.1-3; Lower Plaza:T7SR19W Sec.12-16,21-28,33-34 T7SR18W Sec.7,17-19. Black Bob Allotment is located North east of the Village of Reserve and the Lower Plaza Allotment is located South/South East of the village of Reserve, NM.				

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Catron County Public Target Range - Largo Canyon CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Patsy Ramos 575-388-8374 pramos@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of an existing target range in the Reserve, NM area. SW1/4 NE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 32, T.6 S., R.18 W., NMPM.				
	Location: UNIT - Reserve Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - SW1/4 NE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 32, T. 6 S., R.18 W., NMPM. Adjacent to Largo Canyon and 1/2 mile northwest of the Tularosa River, approximately 2 miles northeast of Reserve, NM.				

Gila National Forest Silver City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
PNM Electric Distribution Powerlines Master Permit CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Patsy Ramos 575-388-8374 pramos@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of one master permit for all existing distribution lines				
	Location: UNIT - Silver City Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Distribution lines located across Silver City, Wilderness, and Glenwood Ranger Districts.				
Simplex #1 Mineral Prospecting and Motorized Access Proposal CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 05/14/2019	05/2019	Antonio Ybarra 575-388-8460 aybarra@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mining claim owner proposes to use existing closed routes to access via ATVs to prospect unpatented claim near Twin Sisters. Hand tools used for prospecting/reinforcing existing adit. Site will be camped a couple of weekends/month from May to Oct.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56006				
Location: UNIT - Silver City Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - : T16S, R13W, Section 27. Unpatented Simplex #1 mining claim near the Twin Sisters area located approximately 8 mi. NE of Silver City, NM. Access proposed on Road 243 Sawmill Wagon Rd and Trail to Trail 241 and nonsystem trail.					

Gila National Forest Wilderness Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
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Gila National Forest Wilderness Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance - Wilderness RD CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/04/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Christa Osborn 575-388-8421 christa.osborn@usda.gov
	Description: Reissuance of 3 expired priority outfitter/guide permits for the activities including hunting, horseback riding, and drop camps across the entire Gila NF.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56744				
Location: UNIT - Wilderness Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Sierra. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Activities occur forest-wide.					

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