



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

### Gila National Forest

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

<b>Stateline Range NEPA</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 11/15/2019	11/2019	Kent Ellett 928-965-4150 kellett@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Re-authorize livestock grazing for allotments on Gila NF-Glenwood RD and on A-S NF-Clifton RD. The Clifton RD allotment decisions can be found at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57226">https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57226</a>					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22466">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22466</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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

<b>Revision of Forest Plan for the Gila National Forest</b> 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
<b>Description:</b> Forest Plan Revision. See <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671">https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671</a> for more information					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51887">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51887</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Gila National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Gila Monster Gran Fondo Road Bike Recreation Event</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2018	Expected:01/2020	04/2020	Christa Osborn 575-388-8421 cmosborn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55274">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55274</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Gila National Forest Black Range Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>NMDOT - Mud Hole Quarry and Stockpile Site</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/02/2019	Expected:02/2020	04/2020	Michael Hutchins 575-894-6677 michael.hutchins@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Re-opening an existing quarry site to the New Mexico DOT for a gravel source				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50243">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50243</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Sierra Electric Cooperative - Reroute and Upgrades</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Michael Hutchins 575-894-6677 michael.hutchins@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55687">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55687</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Wanek Private Land Access</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/20/2015	Expected:03/2020	04/2020	Patsy Ramos 575-388-8374 pramos@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Gila National Forest Glenwood Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Catron County Public Target Range north of Alma. NM</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Patsy Ramos 575-388-8374 pramos@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Tour of the Gila Road Bike Recreation Event</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2018	Expected:01/2020	04/2020	Christa Osborn 575-388-8421 cmosborn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55275">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55275</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Gila National Forest Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>

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<b>Gila National Forest Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Agua Fria Water System</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2016	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Ralph Fink 575-773-4578 rfink@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54675">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54675</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Luna Restoration Project</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 11/21/2019	11/2019	Emily Irwin 505-842-3281 eirwin@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Ecological restoration project: minimize impacts of high severity fire/community protection; veg/forest health mgmt; improve watershed conditions; protect/conservate wildlife habitat. See also <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828973">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828973</a>				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47817">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47817</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Quemado RD Willie Steele and Escondido Trail Re-Routes</b> CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lisa Dennisson 575-773-4678 lmdennisson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55273">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55273</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Gila National Forest Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Sheep Cabin Water System</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/23/2018	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Ralph Fink 575-682-2551 rfink@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53421">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53421</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Gila National Forest Reserve Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Black Bob and Lower Plaza Allotment EA</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 12/10/2019	12/2019	Aaron Baldrige 575-533-6231 abaldrige@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53006">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53006</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Catron County Public Target Range - Largo Canyon</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Patsy Ramos 575-388-8374 pramos@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Gila National Forest Silver City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>		
<b>PNM Electric Distribution Powerlines Master Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Patsy Ramos 575-388-8374 pramos@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of one master permit for all existing distribution lines				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Silver City Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Distribution lines located across Silver City, Wilderness, and Glenwood Ranger Districts.				

<b>Gila National Forest Wilderness Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>		
<b>Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance - Wilderness RD</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/04/2019	Expected:01/2020	02/2020	Christa Osborn 575-388-8421 christa.osborn@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reissuance of 3 expired priority outfitter/guide permits for the activities including hunting, horseback riding, and drop camps across the entire Gila NF.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56744">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56744</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Wilderness Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Sierra. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Activities occur forest-wide.					

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