



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

### Gila National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

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

<b>Gila National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
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<b>Revision of Forest Plan for the Gila National Forest</b> EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/17/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Jenny Natharius 575-388-8483 jenny.natharius@usda.gov
<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.					

<b>Gila National Forest Black Range Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
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<b>Gila National Forest Black Range Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Black Mountain and Hillsboro Peak Privy Project</b> CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2020	Expected:08/2020	03/2021	Dennis Fahl 575-894-6677 dfahl@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The privy%u2019s%u2019 at Hillsboro Peak & Black Mtn lookout towers are at capacity. It is time to replace both with new privies which will include such things as removing old structures, blasting and/or digging new pits, & building new structures.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57546">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57546</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Black Range Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron, Sierra. LEGAL - Hillsboro Peak T16S R09W SEC 04 AND BLACK MTN T10S R13W SEC 06. Hillsboro Peak is located approx. 3 miles north of Emory Pass Vista off of Hwy 152 and Black Mountain Lookout is approx. 6 miles SW of Beaverhead Work Station.					

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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>Dry Creek Juniper Savanna Restoration</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/07/2020	Expected:10/2020	09/2021	Sandra Taylor 575-539-2481 sandra.taylor1@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Project proposal will be to treat encroaching one seed juniper with thinning and prescribed fire. Project will help improve mule deer and quail habitat.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58487">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58487</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Glenwood Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - T.12 S.,R.19 and 20 W., Sections: Various. The project is approximately 2.5 miles south of Glenwood, New Mexico.					

**R3 - Southwestern Region**

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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	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2016	Expected:10/2020	03/2021	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>Laney Diversion &amp; Ditch Special Use Permit Issuance</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2020	Expected:12/2020	04/2021	Ralph Fink 575-773-4678 ralph.fink@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Upgrade an existing diversion and ditch on Centerfire Creek. Issue a special use permit for upgrade implementation and maintenance.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58899">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58899</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Quemado Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - SECTION 13, T5S, R20W. Project is located 5.6 miles northeast of Luna, NM.					
<b>Sheep Cabin Water System</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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 Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Willie Steele Trail Re-Route</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2020	Expected:11/2020	04/2021	Emily Irwin 575-773-4678 emily.irwin@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Close trail segments of the Willie Steele that access private land and construct approx. 0.5 mile of trail around private land providing access entirely on forest lands. Escondido Trail re-route has been removed & will be revisited at a later date.				
	<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. Willie Steele is located approx. 30 miles southwest of Quemado, NM.					

<b>Gila National Forest Reserve Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<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.				

<b>Gila National Forest Silver City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Ben Lilly Pond Enhancement and Watershed Stabilization Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2020	Expected:11/2020	04/2021	Antonio Ybarra 575-388-8460 aybarra@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Ben Lilly Pond is a man-made feature with an earthen berm and primitive concrete spillway. There is a need to protect pond features from both ungulate use, public use, and vehicle parking. Propose to implement fencing and parking mngt controls.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58842">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58842</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Silver City Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - T16S, R14 W, Section 24. Project is located approx. 12 miles north of Silver City, west of NM Hwy 15.					

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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>Silver City RD Trailhead/Parking Improvements</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/31/2020	10/2020	Brian Martinez 575-388-8379 brianmartinez@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Currently, many of the district trail access points, lack such things as basic directional signs, information kiosks, infrastructure, or clearly defined parking. Resource impacts have been identified, so proposal is begin implementing improvements.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57547">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57547</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Silver City Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Turkey Crk T14S R16W S21; Bear Mtn T17S R15W S1; NF Walnut T16S R14W S31, Little Walnut T17S R14W S3; Bear Crk T16S R13W S30; Signal Pk/Meadow Crk T16S R13W S4,9. various trailheads on the Silver City Ranger District.					
<b>Upper Cherry Creek Wet Meadow Habitat and Enhancement Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2020	Expected:11/2020	04/2021	Antonio Ybarra 575-388-8460 aybarra@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The wet meadow has been affected by flows from areas burned by the 2014 Signal Fire and 2020 Tadpole Fire. This project is to hydrologically stabilize the meadow, rewet the site, and restore riparian vegetation to the system.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58830">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58830</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Silver City Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - T16S, R13W, Section 9. Upper Cherry Creek Wet Meadow Stabilization and Enhancement Project is located east of NM Hwy 15 and south of the Signal Peak road 154; located approx. 12 miles north of Silver City, NM.					

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