



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Gila National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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
	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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	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 .				

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

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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: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/17/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2021	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Jenny Natharius 575-388-8483 jenny.natharius@usda.gov
	Description: Forest Plan Revision. See https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671 for more information				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51887				
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 Black Range Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Black Mountain and Hillsboro Peak Privy Project CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2020	Expected:01/2021	04/2021	Dennis Fahl 575-894-6677 dfahl@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57546				
Location: 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.					

Gila National Forest Glenwood Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
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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.				
Dry Creek Juniper Savanna Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/07/2020	Expected:01/2021	03/2021	Sandra Taylor 575-539-2481 sandra.taylor1@usda.gov
	Description: Project proposal will be to treat encroaching one seed juniper with thinning and prescribed fire. Project will help improve mule deer and quail habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58487				
Location: 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.					

Gila National Forest Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Agua Fria Water System CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					

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Gila National Forest Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Laney Diversion & Ditch Special Use Permit Issuance CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2020	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	Ralph Fink 575-773-4678 ralph.fink@usda.gov
	Description: Upgrade an existing diversion and ditch on Centerfire Creek. Issue a special use permit for upgrade implementation and maintenance.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58899				
Location: UNIT - Quemado Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Catron. LEGAL - SECTION 13, T5S, R20W. Project is located 5.6 miles northeast of Luna, NM.					
Luna Planning Area User-Created Routes Decommissioning CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/20/2020	Expected:01/2021	03/2021	Emily Irwin 575-773-4578 emily.irwin@usda.gov
	Description: Over the last several years concerns have been heard on increase of user created routes. These routes are primarily associated with illegal wood cutting or off-road motorized vehicle use. Proposal is to decommission user-routes in Luna Planning Area				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59172				
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. Proposed work would occur in the Luna Planning Area which extends south of Luna to the Dry Blue; north to the district boundary, west to the stateline, and east of Centerfire Creek (see map).					
Sheep Cabin Water System CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					

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Gila National Forest Quemado Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Willie Steele Trail Re-Route CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 12/02/2020	04/2021	Emily Irwin 575-773-4678 emily.irwin@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	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. Willie Steele is located approx. 30 miles southwest of Quemado, NM.					

Gila National Forest Reserve Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
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
Ben Lilly Pond Enhancement and Watershed Stabilization Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2020	Expected:01/2021	04/2021	Antonio Ybarra 575-388-8460 aybarra@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58842				
Location: 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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Gila National Forest Silver City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Red Rock Gravel Pit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/29/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Beth Ihle 575-388-8201 beth.ihle@usda.gov
	Description: Issue a special use permit to Grant County for gravel production for county road maintenance within the Burro Mountains using material from the Red Rock Gravel Pit Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59300				
	Location: UNIT - Silver City Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - T19S R17W Sec 24. Gravel pit is located approximately 15 miles southwest of Silver City within the Burro Mountains.				
Upper Cherry Creek Wet Meadow Habitat and Enhancement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2020	Expected:01/2021	04/2021	Antonio Ybarra 575-388-8460 aybarra@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58830				
	Location: 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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