### Projects Occurring Nationwide

#### Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.

**EIS**

*UPDATED*

**Project Name:** Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.

**Project Purpose:**
- Regulations, Directives, Orders

**Planning Status:**
- In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018
- Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021

**Expected Implementation:**
- Expected: 12/2021
- Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020

**Decision:**
- In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018

**Project Contact:**
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  - 202-731-9196
  - nancy.rusho@usda.gov

**Location:**
- UNIT - All Districts-level Units.
- STATE - All States.
- COUNTY - All Counties.
- LEGAL - Not Applicable.

**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

**Description:**

#### Arizona National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan

**EA**

**Project Name:** Arizona National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan

**Project Purpose:**
- Recreation management
- Special area management

**Planning Status:**
- In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2016
- Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020

**Expected Implementation:**
- Expected: 12/2020

**Decision:**
- In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2016

**Project Contact:**
- Laura White
  - 520-388-8328
  - laura.white3@usda.gov

**Location:**
- UNIT - Coronado National Forest All Units, Kaibab National Forest All Units, Coconino National Forest All Units, Tonto National Forest All Units.
- STATE - Arizona.
- COUNTY - Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz.
- LEGAL - Not Applicable.

**Description:**
The comprehensive plan will establish the administrative objectives, policies, processes, and management guidelines necessary to fulfill the legislative requirements for national scenic trails under the National Trails System Act.

**Web Link:**
http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49535

**Description:**
The Arizona National Scenic Trail goes from the Coronado National Monument to the Utah Border at Vermillion Cliffs- 800 miles south to north across the State of Arizona.
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| R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide) | - Recreation management  
- Special use management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Julie Rowe  
928-203-7516  
jrowe@fs.fed.us |
| Prescott College Academic Outfitter and Guide Priority Use (2015-2025) | - Recreation management  
- Special use management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Julie Rowe  
928-203-7516  
jrowe@fs.fed.us |
| **Description:** | The Forest Service proposes to authorize Prescott College to conduct academic field courses year-round across forests in Arizona including adventure education, biology, human ecology, natural history, physical geography, & field ecology. |  |  |  |  |
| **Web Link:** | [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47407](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47407) |  |  |  |  |
| **Location:** | UNIT - Coronado National Forest All Units, Kaibab National Forest All Units, Prescott National Forest All Units, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Coconino National Forest All Units, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Activities take place in a variety of locations throughout the forest. |  |  |  |  |

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| Kaibab National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) | - Recreation management  
- Special use management | Developing Proposal  
Est. Scoping Start 06/2020 | Expected:02/2021 | 02/2021 | Clairisse Loucks  
928-635-8365  
Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov |
| Forest-Wide Outfitter and Guide Capacity Analysis and Needs Assessment | - Recreation management  
- Special use management | Developing Proposal  
Est. Scoping Start 06/2020 | Expected:02/2021 | 02/2021 | Clairisse Loucks  
928-635-8365  
Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov |
| **Description:** | A forest-wide capacity analysis and needs assessment to identify potential new uses and new outfitter and guide operators and considering specific actions to more effectively manage uses in areas that experience high use. |  |  |  |  |
| **Web Link:** | [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58230](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58230) |  |  |  |  |
| **Location:** | UNIT - Kaibab National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project falls within the legal boundaries of the Kaibab National Forest. |  |  |  |  |

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| Kaibab National Forest North Kaibab Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | - Recreation management  
- Special use management | Developing Proposal  
Est. Scoping Start 06/2020 | Expected:02/2021 | 02/2021 | Clairisse Loucks  
928-635-8365  
Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov |
| *NEW LISTING* | Forest-Wide Outfitter and Guide Capacity Analysis and Needs Assessment | Developing Proposal  
Est. Scoping Start 06/2020 | Expected:02/2021 | 02/2021 | Clairisse Loucks  
928-635-8365  
Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov |
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<td><strong>Burnt Corral Vegetation Management Project</strong>&lt;br&gt;Evaluation Analysis (EA)</td>
<td>- Land management planning  &lt;br&gt;Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants &lt;br&gt;Vegetation management (other than forest products) &lt;br&gt;Fuels management &lt;br&gt;Watershed management</td>
<td>In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/25/2020</td>
<td>Expected: 10/2020</td>
<td>11/2020</td>
<td>David Vincelette  &lt;br&gt;928-643-8143  &lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:djvincelette@fs.fed.us">djvincelette@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong></td>
<td>The purposes of the Burnt Corral project is to improve forest health and vigor, while improving habitat conditions which are more resilient to change in the event of wildfire and/or other climatic condition changes. Project = 28,090 acres.</td>
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<td><strong>Location:</strong></td>
<td>UNIT - North Kaibab Ranger District.  STATE - Arizona.  COUNTY - Coconino.  LEGAL - Planning stage - General Description: Townships 35 - 37 North, Ranges 1 West to 1 East, Gila and Salt River Baseline &amp; Meridian, (Coconino County, Arizona). The Burnt Corral project area lies in the southwest portion of the Kaibab Plateau (i.e., south-southwest of Lookout Canyon and FS Road 22) on the North Kaibab Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest.</td>
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<td><strong>Kaibab Plateau (NKRD) Wireless Communications Sites Development -aka VT &amp; Telephone Hill Comm. Sites</strong>&lt;br&gt;Construction Engineering (CE)</td>
<td>- Special use management  &lt;br&gt;Facility management</td>
<td>In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2018</td>
<td>Expected: 07/2020</td>
<td>08/2020</td>
<td>David Vincelette  &lt;br&gt;928-643-8143  &lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:djvincelette@fs.fed.us">djvincelette@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong></td>
<td>Construct or place two new 180 foot tall communication towers on the North Kaibab Ranger District to provide reliable wireless telephone/emergency service for the Highway 67 corridor from Jacob lake to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park.</td>
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| Kaibab Plateau Ecological Restoration Project (KPEP) | - Vegetation management (other than forest products)  
- Fuels management  
928-635-8331  
sfarley@fs.fed.us |

**Description:** The Forest Service is proposing vegetation thinning within a 518,000-acre project area on the NKRD by using prescribed fire and small-dia. tree thinning resulting in 319,000 acres of fuels treatments, and forest vegetation and watershed improvements.  

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54226](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54226)  

**Location:** UNIT - North Kaibab Ranger District.  
STATE - Arizona.  
COUNTY - Coconino.  
LEGAL - Not Applicable.  
Project includes approximately 518,000 acres of the Kaibab Plateau on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest. Wilderness and sensitive areas will be excluded from treatment.

| Warm Springs Tank to Mangum Springs, to Big Springs Waterline Project | - Land management planning  
- Land ownership management  
- Facility management | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2017 | Expected: 07/2020 | 07/2020 | David Vincelette  
928-643-8100  
djvincelette@fs.fed.us |

**Description:** The project will install 8.5 miles (-/+) of new waterline from Warm Springs tank to Mangum Springs (Phase 1 ~ 6.8 miles), to Big Springs (Phase 2 ~ 1.7 miles), to improve the Jacob Lake public water system and associated communications and control line.  

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47875](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47875)  

**Location:** UNIT - North Kaibab Ranger District.  
STATE - Arizona.  
COUNTY - Coconino.  
LEGAL - Not Applicable.  
Starting in Sec. 17, T38N, R1E, running 1.8 miles west (parallel to FSR 462), thence running 4.7 miles south (parallel to FSR 422) to Mangum Camp, thence running south 1.7 miles south to Big Springs.

| Arizona National Scenic Trail Realignment | - Recreation management | Completed | Actual: 05/26/2020 | 05/2020 | Clairisse Loucks  
928-635-8365  
Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov |

**Description:** This project would remove a portion of the Arizona National Scenic Trail from Forest Service Road 301 and construct 1000 feet of trail off the Forest Service Road system.  

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57949](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57949)  

**Location:** UNIT - Tusayan Ranger District.  
STATE - Arizona.  
COUNTY - Coconino.  
LEGAL - Not Applicable.  
Tusayan Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest.
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<td><strong>Century Link Fiber Optic Line</strong>&lt;br&gt;CE</td>
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<td>On Hold</td>
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<td>Clairisse Loucks&lt;br&gt;928-635-8365&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov">Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov</a></td>
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<td><strong>Dogtown Water Pipeline</strong>&lt;br&gt;EA</td>
<td>- Special use management</td>
<td>In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/16/2020</td>
<td>Expected:08/2020</td>
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<td>Susan Farley&lt;br&gt;928-635-8331&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:sfarley@fs.fed.us">sfarley@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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**Description:**

- The project from the USGS is requesting an amendment to their existing special use permit to include installation of equipment to monitor surface flow (runoff) downslope of the Canyon Mine. Up to 5 water-detection instruments and 1 game camera will be deployed.

- CenturyLink is proposing to install new fiber optic line on existing utility poles, owned by APS, which are located on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest (KNF).

- Dogtown Water Pipeline is intended to provide reliable and efficient water delivery to the City of Williams. Currently, the City of Williams transfers approximately 80% of the City’s water supply in one existing waterline; both raw water and potable water.

**Web Link:**

- [USGS Monitoring Project](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58227)
- [Century Link Fiber Optic Line](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58048)
- [Dogtown Water Pipeline](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56398)
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<td>Elk Ridge Ski Area Permit Issuance EA</td>
<td>- Recreation management</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>Actual: 05/29/2020</td>
<td>06/2020</td>
<td>Susan Farley 928-635-8331 <a href="mailto:sfarley@fs.fed.us">sfarley@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td>Web Link:</td>
<td>Issuance of a winter resort permit for Elk Ridge Ski Area to the new owners, Elk Ridge Recreation I, LLC using the current Master Development Plan.</td>
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<td>GCUSD Fiber Optic Line CE</td>
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<td>Actual: 05/05/2020</td>
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<td>Susan Farley 928-635-8331 <a href="mailto:sfarley@fs.fed.us">sfarley@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td>Description:</td>
<td>A proposal from CommNet for fiber optic cable to provide high-speed internet to the Grand Canyon USD buildings crossing the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts, the cable will go on existing utility poles, or be buried along existing roadways</td>
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<td>Kaibab Historic Logging Railroad Interpretive Trail CE</td>
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<td>Developing Proposal</td>
<td>Expected:07/2020</td>
<td>09/2020</td>
<td>Clairisse Loucks 928-635-8365 <a href="mailto:Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov">Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov</a></td>
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<td>Description:</td>
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<td>Web Link:</td>
<td>This project proposes to designate an interpretive trail along a 3.67 mile stretch of historic railroad grade on the Williams Ranger District which was used for logging in the late 1800s.</td>
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| Outfitter and Guide 10-Year Term Permit | - Recreation management  
- Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/11/2020 | Expected:06/2020 | 07/2020 | Clairisse Loucks  
928-635-8365  
Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov |
| Partridge Creek Allotment Livestock Authorization | - Grazing management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Victoria Payne  
9286355632  
victoriapayne@fs.fed.us |

**Description:** Current Outfitter and Guides which hold special-use permits on the Kaibab National Forest must apply for a new permit on an annual basis. Switching from an annual permit to a longer-term (10-Year) permit reduces paperwork and administrative costs.

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58194](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58194)

**Location:** UNIT - Williams Ranger District.  
STATE - Arizona.  
COUNTY - Coconino.  
LEGAL - Not Applicable. The legal boundaries of the Kaibab National Forest within the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts.

**Description:** The purpose of this project is to determine if the KNF should authorize livestock grazing for the Partridge Creek Allotment.

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56955](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56955)

**Location:** UNIT - Williams Ranger District.  
STATE - Arizona.  
COUNTY - Coconino.  
LEGAL - Not Applicable. Williams Ranger District.

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