



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Kaibab National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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 .				

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

Arizona National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Laura White 520-388-8328 laura.white3@usda.gov
	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				
	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. 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)					
Prescott College Academic Outfitter and Guide Priority Use (2015-2025) CE	- 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				
	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.				

Kaibab National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Forest-Wide Outfitter and Guide Capacity Analysis and Needs Assessment EA *NEW LISTING*	- 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				
	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.				

Kaibab National Forest	North Kaibab Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R3 - Southwestern Region
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Kaibab National Forest	North Kaibab Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Burnt Corral Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/25/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	David Vincelette 928-643-8143 dvincelette@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44236				
Location: 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 & 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.					
Kaibab Plateau (NKR D) Wireless Communications Sites Development -aka VT & Telephone Hill Comm. Sites CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2018	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	David Vincelette 928-643-8143 dvincelette@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52587				
Location: UNIT - North Kaibab Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - The VT Hill site is in the SE 1/4, Section 26, T35N, R2E. and the Telephone Hill site is in the SE 1/4 of Section 3, T36N, R2E, Gila and Salt River Base Meridian. (Coconino County, Arizona). VT Hill site is near De Motte Park, at F.S. VT Hill Comm. site (~ 20 miles south of Jacob Lake, AZ); Telephone Hill site is on Telephone Hill (~ 12 miles south of Jacob Lake, AZ); in Coconino County.					

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Kaibab National Forest North Kaibab Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Kaibab Plateau Ecological Restoration Project (KPEP) EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/25/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Susan Farley 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				
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 CE *UPDATED*	- 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				
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.					

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Kaibab National Forest Tusayan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Arizona National Scenic Trail Realignment CE *UPDATED*	- 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				
Location: UNIT - Tusayan Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tusayan Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest.					

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U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) Monitoring Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Research and Development	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Chelsea Muise 928-474-7936 clmuise@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58227				
Location: UNIT - Tusayan Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - T29N R2E Section 20. The project will occur downslope from the Canyon Mine uranium mine. In the area downslope from Canyon Mine identified as being most likely to experience runoff.					

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Kaibab National Forest Williams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Century Link Fiber Optic Line CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Clairisse Loucks 928-635-8365 Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov
	Description: 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).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58048				
Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - SW quarter and SE quarter of Section 4 Township 21 North and Range 1 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian. Project is located on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest, and is accessed by Interstate 40 and an unnamed dirt road that parallels the utility line.					
Dogtown Water Pipeline EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/16/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Susan Farley 928-635-8331 sfarley@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56398				
Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Williams, Arizona.					

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Kaibab National Forest Williams Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Elk Ridge Ski Area Permit Issuance EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/29/2020	06/2020	Susan Farley 928-635-8331 sfarley@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56909				
Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Williams, Arizona.					
GCUSD Fiber Optic Line CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/05/2020	07/2020	Susan Farley 928-635-8331 sfarley@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56401				
Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts.					
Kaibab Historic Logging Railroad Interpretive Trail CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:07/2020	09/2020	Clairisse Loucks 928-635-8365 Clairisse.Loucks@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58323				
Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - T21N, R3E, Sections 1, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, and 23, Gila and Salt River Meridian. Just east of Sherwood Forest Estates, South to the 141 Road.					

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Outfitter and Guide 10-Year Term Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- 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
	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				
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.					
Partridge Creek Allotment Livestock Authorization EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Victoria Payne 9286355632 victoriapayne@fs.fed.us
	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				
Location: UNIT - Williams Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Williams Ranger District.					

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