



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

### Lincoln National Forest

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<b>Lincoln National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
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<b>Integrated Non-Native Invasive Plant Management</b> EIS  <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/09/2016 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Peggy Luensmann 575-434-7200 psluensmann@fs.fed.us
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**Description:** The forest will be developing a proposal to manage the nonnative invasive plants within the Lincoln National Forest's boundaries. Adaptive management would be incorporated into the analysis.

**Web Link:** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31150>

**Location:** UNIT - Lincoln National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Eddy, Lincoln, Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All management areas within the Lincoln National Forest.

<b>Lincoln National Forest Plan Revision</b> EIS  <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 05/30/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2020	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Sabrina Flores 575-434-7200 sflores@fs.fed.us
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**Description:** Our draft assessment under forest plan revision is now available for review and public comment. Information on the revision process is also available on our forest website: <https://go.usa.gov/xUSMh>

**Web Link:** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45148>

**Location:** UNIT - Lincoln National Forest All Units. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Chaves, Eddy, Lincoln, Otero. LEGAL - USFS Lands within the Lincoln National Forest. USFS lands within the Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico.

<b>Lincoln National Forest Guadalupe Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
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<b>Lincoln National Forest Guadalupe Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>		
<b>McCollaum Water improvement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 04/19/2019	04/2019	Andrew Ellis 15756303008 andrewellis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln National Forest, Guadalupe Ranger District is proposing to authorize the installation of 3 water storage locations with 7 water troughs to provide permanent, yearlong waters to wildlife and livestock on the McCollaum allotment.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55558">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55558</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Guadalupe Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Eddy. LEGAL - The legal location is on multiple Sections of Township 25 South /Range 22 East. The project area is located south of Queen, New Mexico, accessed via County Rd 412, along forest roads 527 and 201 (see appendix 1).					
<b>Sandrock Dirt Tank</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 04/19/2019	05/2019	Andrew Ellis 15756303008 andrewellis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This dirt tank will collect rainwater during the monsoon season to serve as a water point for wildlife and livestock that will help distribute animals across the landscape				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55215">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55215</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Guadalupe Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Eddy. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NW of Queen, New Mexico. South of Forest Road 277.					
<b>Sargent Grazing Allotment</b> EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	George Douds 575-257-4095 gdouds@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Environmental analysis for the continuation of grazing authorization.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=5617">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=5617</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Guadalupe Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Chaves, Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northeastern portion of the Guadalupe Ranger District , Northwest of Carlsbad, NM.					

<b>Lincoln National Forest Sacramento Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
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<b>Lincoln National Forest Sacramento Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Agua Chiquita Watershed Strategy</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jasper Brusuelas 575-434-7200 jbrusuelas@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Complete restoration activities within the Agua Chiquita watershed to reduce nonpoint source pollution and reduce the amount of sediment in the water, which currently exceeds standards.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53357">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53357</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The upper Agua Chiquita watershed from the headwaters of Agua Chiquita to the McEwan Canyon tributary, which is approximately 2 miles past Weed, NM.					
<b>Carrissa Storage and Pipeline off Monument Spring</b> CE	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Orlando Cortez 505-287-8833 ocortez02@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to construct a new storage tank on approximately 10 miles of above ground replacement pipeline. The pipeline would begin on the Agua Chiquita allotment and end on the Carrissa allotment.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54693">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54693</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located in T. 19 S., R. 13 E., Sections 15-23 & 25-36; T. 19 S., R. 14 E., Sections 31-32; T. 20 S., R. 13 E., Sections 4-11, 14-16, 23.					
<b>Cox Canyon Road Crossing and Wetland Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Peter Haraden 5754347264 pharaden@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Duplicate of project #50504				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54700">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54700</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The site location is at the junction of Highway 130 and Rio Penasco Rd. 13 miles Southeast of Cloudcroft, T. 17 S., R. 13 E., SE ¼ Section 3.					
<b>Escondido Grazing Allotment Management</b> EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ciara Cusack 575-682-2551 ccusack@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Continue livestock grazing on the Escondido Allotment				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51927">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51927</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Western part of the Sacramento Ranger District.					

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<b>Lincoln National Forest</b>	<b>Sacramento Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Mule Peak Clean-up and Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Marcie Kelton 575-682-2551 marciekelton@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> White Sands Missile Range has applied to continue the use of Mule Peak under a Special Use permit that authorizes the use of public lands for instrumentation and access road.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54698">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54698</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The location of the proposed restoration activities is near the Long Ridge Electronic site, Pinion/Juniper elevation 8074ft, T. 17 S., R. 10E. Sections 10 & 11.					
<b>New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat Improvement Projects on the Agua Chiquita Grazing Allotment</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ciara Cusack 575-682-2551 ccusack@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Sacramento Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest is proposing to construct habitat improvement projects on the Agua Chiquita Grazing Allotment to aid in the protection of New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (NMMJM) critical habitat.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51273">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51273</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - The Agua Chiquita Grazing Allotment lies within Township 18 South, Ranges 12, 13, and 14 East; Township 19 South, Ranges 12, and 13 East. The project area is within the Agua Chiquita Grazing Allotment on the Sacramento Ranger District within the Lincoln National Forest.					
<b>New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat Improvement Projects on the Sacramento Grazing Allotment</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/20/2018	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Ciara Cusack 575-682-2551 ccusack@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Sacramento Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest is proposing to construct habitat improvement projects on the Sacramento Grazing Allotment to aid in the protection of New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (NMMJM) critical habitat.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51153">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51153</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sacramento Grazing Allotment.					

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<b>Lincoln National Forest</b>	<b>Sacramento Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Pecos Conference</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Scott Hays-Strom (575)434-7206 shaysstrom@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Heritage Office plans to co-host the 2018 Pecos Conference on the Lincoln National Forest at Sunspot, New Mexico.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54701">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54701</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The site would be located at the Helicopter pad/runway at Sunspot, NM, UTM coordinates 13S 423403 2628413.				
<b>Rio Penasco Wetland Restoration and Road Stabilization</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ciara Cusack 575-682-2551 ccusack@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln National Forest is proposing to restore a wetland that has been modified and is no longer functioning and improve a road crossing to improve water quality and wildlife habitat for a variety of species including federally listed species.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50504">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50504</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Township 17 south; Range 13 East, Section 3. The project area is located by the intersection of roads C017 and D019 along the Rio Penasco.				
<b>Russia Canyon Trick Tank</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Orlando Cortez 505-287-8833 ocortez02@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to install a new trick tank including a catchment pad, storage tank and drinker on the Russia Allotment.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54694">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54694</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in T. 16 S., R. 12 E., Section 8.				
<b>San Andres Grazing Allotment Management</b> EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ciara Cusack 575-682-2551 ccusack@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Continuation of livestock grazing on the San Andres Allotment.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51928">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51928</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Western section of the Sacramento Ranger District.				

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<b>Lincoln National Forest Sacramento Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Scott Able Grazing Allotment Management</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 05/31/2019	07/2019	Ciara Cusack 575-682-2551 ccusack@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Continue livestock grazing on the Scott Able Allotment(proposal originally listed with the Escondido and San Andres Allotments).				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22893">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22893</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 16 miles southeast of Village of Cloudcroft.					
<b>South Sacramento Restoration Project</b> EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/15/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Peggy Luensmann 575-434-7200 psluensmann@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Restore forest health on the approximately 140,000-acre planning area in the southern Sacramento Mountains. Project is designed to meet restoration objectives at a landscape-scale, primarily in mixed conifer and ponderosa pine forest.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51146">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51146</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southern Sacramento Mountains. The area is roughly bound between West Side Road, State Highway 130, and the southern boundary of the Sacramento Ranger District.					
<b>Upper Rio Penasco Stream Restoration I</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Peter Haraden 575-434-7200 pharaden@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Various restoration techniques would be used to stabilize the stream and wetland area in the project area to improve wildlife habitat in the riparian area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53284">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53284</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - T. 17S, R. 11E, section 11. Approximately 10 miles south of Cloudcroft and at the intersection of Sunspot Highway (Road 6563) and Rio Penasco Road (C17) on the downstream side of the Rio Penasco Road.					

<b>Lincoln National Forest</b>	<b>Smokey Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
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<b>Lincoln National Forest Smokey Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Buck Mountain Communication Site Tower Construction Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/23/2019	04/2019	Andrew Ellis 15756303008 andrewellis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln National Forest, Smokey Bear Ranger District is proposing to authorize Lincoln County Emergency Services to construct a tower that can serve the area by providing communications during local emergencies.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55561">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55561</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - The legal location is T. 10 S., R. 11 E., PB 58. Buck Mountain is located 11.2 miles west of Alto New Mexico via NM 532. The com site is located at the end of Forest Service Road 5625 (closed to public use). See project map.					
<b>Copeland Canyon Wilderness Boundary Closure Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/23/2019	04/2019	Andrew Ellis 15756303008 andrewellis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln National Forest, Smokey Bear Ranger District is proposing to place a gate and/or large boulders at the end of Forest Road 163 in Copeland canyon in order to prevent motorized entry into the Capitan Mountains Wilderness.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55565">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55565</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - The legal location is NE1/4 Section 8 of T8S R17E. The site can be accessed by traveling north and then east from Capitan, NM on Highway 246 to NFSR 163. Take NFSR south to the Wilderness boundary.					
<b>Lincoln County Gravel Pit Authorization</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/29/2019	04/2019	Andrew Ellis 15756303008 andrewellis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln National Forest, Smokey Bear Ranger District is proposing to authorize the Lincoln County Road Department to manage three existing gravel pits for the extraction of gravel to be used on county maintained system roads on the district.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55598">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55598</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All three pits are located in different parts of the Jicarilla Mountains. See maps and scoping letter for detailed descriptions.					

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<b>Lincoln National Forest Smokey Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Perk Ridge Unauthorized Road Closure Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/23/2019	04/2019	Andrew Ellis 15756303008 andrewellis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln National Forest, Smokey Bear Ranger District is proposing to place a gate and/or large boulders at the forest boundary along Perk Ridge to prevent entry by ATV's and other vehicles via an unauthorized, user created route.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55564">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55564</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - The legal location is L1 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec 20, T11S R13E. The site is located in Ruidoso, NM, near a private road that branches off of Perk Canyon Road, and is adjacent to private land.					
<b>Summit Peak Communication Site Tower Replacement Project</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/08/2019	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	Andrew Ellis 15756303008 andrewellis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Lincoln National Forest, Smokey Bear Ranger District is proposing to authorize the replacement of two communications towers at Summit Peak to provide the area with improved communications.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55563">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55563</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - The legal location is T8S, R16E, Section 15. Summit Peak is Northeast of Capitan, NM. From Capitan, Head east on NM 380 to County Road 1. Drive NE on County Road 1 to National Forest System Road 56. Head east on NFSR 56 to the end of the road.					

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