



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Lincoln 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 .				

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

R3 - Southwestern Region

Integrated Non-Native Invasive Plant Management EIS *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/09/2016 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Peggy Luensmann 575-434-7200 psluensmann@fs.fed.us
	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.				

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Lincoln National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Lincoln National Forest Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 05/30/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2020	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Sabrina Flores 575-434-7200 sflores@fs.fed.us
	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.					

Lincoln National Forest Guadalupe Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Sargent Grazing Allotment EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/27/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Aaron Stockton 575-885-4181 aaron.stockton@usda.gov
	Description: Environmental analysis for the continuation of grazing authorization.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=5617				
Location: UNIT - Guadalupe Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Chaves, Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northeastern portion of the Guadalupe Ranger District , Northwest of Carlsbad, NM.					

Lincoln National Forest Sacramento Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Agua Chiquita Fence, Trap, and Trick Tank CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 06/17/2020	06/2020	Orlando Cortez 505-287-8833 ocortez02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fencing of approx. 113 acres including construction of permanent fence to replace existing electric fence (13 ac.), and new trap (100 ac.) with handling facilities and a trickle ("trick") tank.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57843				
Location: UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near Cloudcroft, NM.					

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Agua Chiquita Watershed Strategy EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jasper Brusuelas 575-434-7200 jbrusuelas@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53357				
Location: 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.					
Burnt Canyon Watering Facilities CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 06/16/2020	06/2020	Orlando Cortez 505-287-8833 ocortez02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of new range improvements as follows: 3 - 3,000-gallon storage tanks and associated 3 drinkers with 1 mile of approximately 1.25-inch polyethylene pipeline.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57844				
Location: UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 4 miles east of Mayhill, New Mexico.					
Carrissa Storage and Pipeline off Monument Spring CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Orlando Cortez 575-682-2551 ocortez02@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54693				
Location: 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.					

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Lincoln National Forest Sacramento Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Domes Water Transmission Permit Reissue CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/22/2020	06/2020	LaTasha Wauneka 575-682-5320 latashawauneka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a new 30-year permit to Bell Ranch Joint Venture for continued operations and maintenance of a spring development and water transmission line. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57845				
	Location: UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 12 miles south of High Rolls, New Mexico.				
Escondido Grazing Allotment Management EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sendi Kalcic 575-682-2551 sendi.kalcic@usda.gov
	Description: Continue livestock grazing on the Escondido Allotment Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51927				
	Location: UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Western part of the Sacramento Ranger District.				
Mule Peak Clean-up and Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Marcie Kelton 575-682-2551 marciekelton@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54698				
	Location: 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.				

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Lincoln National Forest Sacramento Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat Improvement Projects on the Agua Chiquita Grazing Allotment EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Ciara Cusack 575-682-2551 sendi.kalcic@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51273				
Location: 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.					
New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat Improvement Projects on the Sacramento Grazing Allotment EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/20/2018	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Sendi Kalcic 435-755-3633 sendi.kalcic@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51153				
Location: UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sacramento Grazing Allotment.					
Observatory Timber Sale CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 06/24/2020	06/2020	Jessie Willett 575-682-5342 jkwillett@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Otero County Electric Co-Op has a need to remove trees that are deemed a potential hazard to the transmission lines. Activities include felling trees, sawtimber, and piling of activity slash within the 23-acre project area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57846				
Location: UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The sale area is approximately 2 miles northeast of Cloudcroft, New Mexico.					

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Otero County Electric Co-Op ROW Widening Salvage - 1st Round CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jessie Willett 575-682-5342 jkwillett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of sawtimber and piling of activity-generated slash within approx. 250-acre project area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57842				
Location: UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near Cloudcroft, NM.					
Rio Penasco Wetland Restoration and Road Stabilization CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Peter Haraden 775-289-5126 pharaden@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50504				
Location: 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.					
Russia Canyon Trick Tank CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Shawna Allen 575-682-5321 slallen@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to install a new trick tank including a catchment pad, storage tank and drinker on the Russia Allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54694				
Location: 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.					
San Andres Grazing Allotment Management EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sendi Kalcic 575-682-2551 sendi.kalcic@usda.gov
	Description: Continuation of livestock grazing on the San Andres Allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51928				
Location: UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Western section of the Sacramento Ranger District.					

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Lincoln National Forest	Sacramento Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Silver Springs Meadow Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/16/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Peter Haraden 775-289-5126 pharaden@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of stream and wetland restoration structures such as beaver dam analogues, Zuni bowls (a step-pool pond feature), one-rock dams, woody debris in channels, and other grade control structures along approx. 1 mile of stream channel.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57847				
	Location: UNIT - Sacramento Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Otero. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is immediately adjacent to Highway 244 and is about 5 miles northeast of Cloudcroft, New Mexico. Outside of and abuts the Mescalero Reservation boundary.				
South Sacramento Restoration Project EIS *UPDATED*	- 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 11/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Peggy Luensmann 575-434-7200 psluensmann@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51146				
	Location: 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.				
Upper Rio Penasco Stream Restoration Phase I CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Peter Haraden 575-434-7200 pharaden@fs.fed.us
	Description: Activities on approx. 0.5 mile of stream channel including the construction of Zuni bowls, worm ditches, media lunas, one-rock dams, flow-splitters, beaver dam analogues, and other grade control structures such as using woody debris.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53284				
	Location: 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.				

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Lincoln National Forest	Smokey Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Carrizo Pole Wood Area CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 04/10/2020	04/2020	Andrew Ellis 15752574095 andrewellis@fs.fed.us
Description: This project proposes to treat approximately 72 acres of ponderosa pine on Carrizo Mountain near Outlaw Canyon, while providing forest products. This stand is significantly composed of young, overstocked small diameter ponderosa pine.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57774					
Location: UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - The legal location is T7S R13E Sec.15, 16 and 22. The site is east of Carrizo Peak and is located approximately 4 miles north of state highway 37 on forest road 441.					
Hale Lake Area Management EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/09/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Andrew Ellis 15756303008 Andrew.Ellis@usda.gov
Description: The Smokey Bear Ranger District is proposing changes to the management of lands near Hale Lake that would improve the access to a variety of recreation uses within the Hale Lake area, while addressing issues with travel management and recreation.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56577					
Location: UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Hale Lake area is located east of Ruidoso Downs, south of Hwy 70.					
Sawmill Trailhead and Connector Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 04/10/2020	04/2020	Andrew Ellis 15752574095 Andrew.Ellis@USDA.gov
Description: Construct a trailhead at Sawmill Canyon to provide additional access to the Grindstone Mesa hiking and biking trails.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57772					
Location: UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - The legal location for the project area is T11S R13E Sec 29-34. The proposed trailhead is located in Ruidoso, NM, off of Carrizo Canyon road, and the connector trails will stem from there to join the existing Grindstone Mesa trails.					

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Lincoln National Forest	Smokey Bear Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region	
Smokey Bear North Habitat Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/05/2020	Expected:09/2020	12/2020	Andrew Ellis 15752574095 Andrew.Ellis@usda.gov
Description: The Smokey Bear Ranger District is proposing to authorize the treatment of an approximately 90,750 acre are for habitat improvement, including mechanical treatment, prescribed fire, and cut-stump herbicide use on juniper.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56473					
Location: UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northern portion of Smokey Bear Ranger District: North of Hwy 380, North and West of Capitan Mountains Wilderness.					
Tanbark Adit Bat Gate CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2020	Expected:07/2020	10/2020	Christina Thompson 575-257-4095 cmthompson@fs.fed.us
Description: Reclosure of an Abandoned Mineland feature that had been reopened due to vandalism. Adit will be closed with bat-friendly gating to prevent human entry in order to protect bat habitat from human disturbance and to provide for public safety.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58332					
Location: UNIT - Smokey Bear Ranger District. STATE - New Mexico. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The adit is in the vicinity of FR 108.					

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