



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

Prescott National Forest

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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	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2015	Expected:04/2018	05/2018	Julie Rowe 928-203-7516 jrowe@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service proposes to authorize Prescott College to conduct academic courses including new student orientation, adventure education, biology, human ecology, natural history, physical geography, field ecology, environmental conservation					
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.					

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

R3 - Southwestern Region

Forest-wide Hunting Priority Use Outfitter-Guide Permits CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
Description: Issuance of up to five priority use outfitter-guide permits for big game hunting on the Prescott National Forest.					
Location: UNIT - Prescott National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide.					

Prescott National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

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Prescott National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Tierra Wild, LLC Priority Use Outfitter-Guide New Permit Issuance.	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2018	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
CE	Description: Issuing a new priority use outfitter-guide permit to provide guided hiking, mountain biking, bouldering, kayaking, white water rafting, canyoneering, and primitive survival skills on the Prescott National Forest.				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District, Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various developed and undeveloped recreation areas on the Bradshaw and Verde Ranger Districts.				

Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Abandoned Mine Closures (PNF)	- Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 frances.alvarado@usda.gov
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: Proposal to remediate up to inactive and abandoned mine workings that pose threats to human and wildlife safety within the Bradshaw and Verde Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56582				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T11N, R1E, Sec.36; T12N, R1E, Sec 17; T13N, R2E, Sec. 2; T14N, R3E, Secs. 20, 22, 28, 31; T14N, R2.5E, Sec. 25; T 12.5N, R2W, Secs. 25 & 33; T 13N, R2W, Sec. 35. T11N, R1E, Sec.36; T12N, R1E, Sec 17; T13N, R2E, Sec. 2; T14N, R3E, Secs. 20, 22, 28, 31; T14N, R2.5E, Sec. 25; T 12.5N, R2W, Secs. 25 & 33; T 13N, R2W, Sec. 35.				
Abandoned Mine Closures (PNF)	- Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 frances.alvarado@usda.gov
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: Proposal to remediate up to inactive and abandoned mine workings that pose threats to human and wildlife safety within the Bradshaw and Verde Ranger Districts.				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T11N, R1E, Sec.36; T12N, R1E, Sec 17; T13N, R2E, Sec. 2; T14N, R3E, Secs. 20, 22, 28, 31; T14N, R2.5E, Sec. 25; T 12.5N, R2W, Secs. 25 & 33; T 13N, R2W, Sec. 35. T11N, R1E, Sec.36; T12N, R1E, Sec 17; T13N, R2E, Sec. 2; T14N, R3E, Secs. 20, 22, 28, 31; T14N, R2.5E, Sec. 25; T 12.5N, R2W, Secs. 25 & 33; T 13N, R2W, Sec. 35.				

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Aravaipa Running Five-Year Recreation Event Special Use Permit CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2019	Expected:12/2019	03/2020	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a five-year recreation event special use permit for the annual Crown King Scramble and Whiskey Basin Trail Run. These events occur each year in March and April, and take place on designated system roads and trails.				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Crown King Scramble takes place in the southern Bradshaw Mountains on Forest Road 711. The Whiskey Basin Trail Run takes place on the Prescott Circle Trail.				
Arizona Public Service Amendment #1 to Master Special Use Permit PNF142 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/14/2019	03/2019	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Amendment to the Master SUP issued to APS for all electric transmission and distribution lines up 33 kV capacity is necessary to include the new underground distribution line within the C120 road prism as part of APS's electric service area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55388				
Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 15 and W1/2 NE1/4 Section 22, T. 14 N., R. 3 W., Gila & Salt River Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona. Prescott Basin Geographical Management Area as depicted in the 2015 Prescott N.F. Forest Plan.					
Blue Bell/Wolf Creek Allotments Range NEPA EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	John Kava 928-777-2200 johnakava@fs.fed.us
	Description: An analysis to determine whether to re-authorize grazing on the Blue Bell/Wolf Creek Allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53264				
Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue Bell and Wolf Creek grazing allotments.					

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Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Greater Prescott Trails Mid-Term Projects #2 EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/10/2018	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Susan Johnson 928-443-8075 sajohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will analyze and evaluate the existing and proposed motorized trail system for the Greater Prescott Trails Plan project area focusing primarily on the Seven Mile Gulch area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53205				
Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Greater Prescott Basin with a primary focus on Seven Mile Gulch area.					
Hassayampa Landscape Restoration Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/22/2018	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Sarah Tomsky 760-647-3033 sarahtomsky@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Bradshaw Ranger District, Prescott National Forest, is proposing to reduce hazardous and excess fuels and restore fire to its natural role on approximately 246,000 acres of National Forest System Lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49910				
Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area includes National Forest System lands south, southeast, and southwest of the city of Prescott, AZ.					
Jack's Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/16/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2019	Expected:01/2020	02/2020	Zakiya Shivji 928-443-8083 zshivji@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Project would authorize mining placer deposits from approximately 11 acres for up to 20 years. Mining would be conducted with suction dredges, sluice boxes, dry washers, high bankers, metal detectors, gold pans, and hand tools				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45642				
Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Sections 23, 24, 26 & 27 T. 12.5 N., R. 1 W; Sections 35 & 36, T. 13 N., R. 1 W; Section 24 T. 12 N., R. 1 W; Section 36 T. 12 N., R. 2 W; Section 29 T. 13 N., R 3 W; Section 1 T. 10 N., R. 1 E GSRM. Big Bug Creek, Eugene Gulch, Poland Creek, Crooks Canyon, Wolf Creek, and Copper Basin Wash.					

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Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Jeep Jamboree Five-Year Recreation Event Special Use Permit CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:08/2019	02/2020	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a five-year recreation event permit for the annual Jeep Jamboree event on the Bradshaw Ranger District. This event occurs each year in March or April, and takes place on Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) designated roads and motorized trails.				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) designated roads and motorized trails on the Bradshaw Ranger District.				
Mt. Francis Communications Site Crown Atlantic, LLC Sprint PCS addition. CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/10/2018	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: issuance of a Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) Special Use telecommunications lease to Sprint Spectrum Limited Partnership (Sprint Spectrum L.P.) in order to construct a new cellular communications facility on Prescott N.F./Mt. Francis				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 23, T. 13 N., R. 3 W., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona. NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 23, T. 13 N., R. 3 W., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona.				
Pine Creek Mining River Bend Placer Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2019	Expected:11/2019	12/2019	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 falvarado@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would include gold mining operations on approximately 48 acres (10 acres in the Red Hill #2 placer mining claim (PMC) and 38 acres in the Riverbend PMC), with an additional 4 acres for processing facilities, settling ponds, and roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45609				
Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T12N,R3W,Sec11,14,15. The proposed mining project is just south of and adjacent to the existing Gold Basin mine, south of Wilhoit along the Hassayampa River.					

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Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Town of Mayer, Domestic Water Improvement District CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/14/2019	02/2019	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: This action is for issuance of a term Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) Special Use Permit (SUP) to the Town of Mayer, Arizona Domestic Water Improvement District for a series of existing domestic water collection and transmission works.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55356				
Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - SE quarter Section 8, T. 12 N., R. 1 E., Gila & Salt River Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona. SE quarter Section 8, T. 12 N., R. 1 E., Gila & Salt River Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona.					

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Prescott National Forest Chino Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Arizona Public Service, Yavapai-Verde 230-2 Electric Transmission Line Rebuild Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 08/06/2019	09/2019	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Arizona Public Service (APS) has presented the Prescott National Forest (PNF) with an electric utility infrastructure rebuild project for a portion of the utility company's Yavapai-Verde 230-2 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line.				
	Location: UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Sections 1, 2 and 11, T. 16 N., R. 1 E., and Section 1, T. 16 N., R 1.5 E., and Sections 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, and 32, T. 17 N., R. 2 W., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona. Sections 1, 2 and 11, T. 16 N., R. 1 E., and Section 1, T. 16 N., R 1.5 E., and Sections 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, and 32, T. 17 N., R. 2 W., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona.				
Chino Landscape Restoration Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/23/2018	Expected:11/2019	11/2019	Sarah Tomsy 760-647-3033 sarahtomsy@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will encompass a series of actions targeting watershed function, wildlife habitat, vegetation conditions, and natural fire regime.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45619				
Location: UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Chino Valley Ranger District.					

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Prescott National Forest Chino Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Northern Arizona German Shorthaired Pointer Club Five-Year Recreation Event Special Use Permit CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:09/2019	11/2019	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a five-year recreation event special use permit for an annual pointing dog field trials event. This event occurs in November each year.				
	Location: UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On the Chino Valley Ranger District, north of Paulden, adjacent to the Feather Mountain Road.				
Yavapai Ranch Reciprocal Easements Project EA *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/14/2017	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Exchange reciprocal easements on approximately 18 mile of road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=29905				
Location: UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northwestern corner of Prescott National Forest in the.					

Prescott National Forest Verde Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
AAM Priority River Rafting Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Prescott National Forest proposes to issue to the outfitter/guide known as AAM a 5-year priority special use permit for a river rafting outfitter guide operation on the Verde River and Verde Wild and Scenic River Segments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40886				
Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boat launching will occur at White Bridge and Beasley Flats River access sites on the Prescott; take outs at GAP Creek, Childs and Hoseshoe reservoir on the Prescott, Coc, and Tonto.					

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Prescott National Forest Verde Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Gila Chub Habitat Improvement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/23/2010	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Albert Sillas 928-567-1124 asillas@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve pool habitat by sediment removal, instream structures, enclosure fences, and removal of juniper tree encroachment in three sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30425				
Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T 11 N, R 4 E, sections 4, 16, 20. Near Sycamore Historic Site/Dugas area.					
Interstate 17 Corridor Wireless Communications Improvements Antelope Telecommunications Site CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 chris.welker@usda.gov
	Description: The Antelope communications site proposal was developed as part of a wireless communications system that will improve the reliability and capacity of wireless telecommunications for the I-17 corridor.				
	Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 3, T. 12 N., R. 3 E., G&SRM, Yavapai County, AZ.				
Juniper Materials Pit, Free Use Disposal Mineral Material Lease to Yavapai County Supervisors CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Minerals and Geology - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/11/2019	Expected:09/2019 Actual: 03/12/2019	10/2019	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Free Use Disposal Mineral Materials Lease to the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors for the operation, maintenance, and concurrent environmental reclamation of the Juniper Materials Pit located on the Prescott National Forest (PNF).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55617				
Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - SE1/4 Section 17, T. 14 N., R. 3 E., Gila & Salt River Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona. SE1/4 Section 17, T. 14 N., R. 3 E., Gila & Salt River Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona.					
Reissuance of a Water Development Special Use Permit to Frank and Wanita Melluzzo CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Prescott National Forest is proposing to reissue a 10-year special use permit for 2 water pipelines, 1 springbox, 600 gallon water tank, and cattle enclosure fence.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=39048				
Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T14N, R3E, Sect17. Off Cherry road in Cherry, AZ.					

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Prescott National Forest Verde Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Verde Adventures, Inc. Outfitter Guide Priority River Boating Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-687-1301 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: The PNF proposes to issue to Verde Adventures, Inc. a 10-year priority special use permit for a river boating outfitter guide operation on the Verde River.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40889				
Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boat launching and take out will occur at Skidmore, Big Notti, Black Canyon, White Bridge, Clear Creek and Beasley Flats River access sites on the PNF.					

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