



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Prescott National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- 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 will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.					

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.					

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

R3 - Southwestern Region

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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 Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Abandoned Mine Closures (PNF) CE	- 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
	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.					
Aravaipa Running Five-Year Recreation Event Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/06/2020	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55255				
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.					

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Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
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.					
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.					
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 *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/28/2020	03/2020	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55254				
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.					
Pine Creek Mining River Bend Placer Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	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.					
Silver Mountain Exploration Drilling CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/11/2018	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Zakiya Shivji 928-443-8083 zakiya.shivji@usda.gov
	Description: On September 11, 2018, Silver Mountain Mining Operations, Inc. (SMMO) submitted a proposed plan of operations (PoO) to conduct exploratory drilling operations on their mining claim. The proposed drilling will consist of 2 drilling pads where multiple				
	Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Section 8, T9N, R1W in Yavapai County, Arizona in the Bradshaw Ranger District.				

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Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Western Spirit Cycling 10 Year Priority Use Outfitter-Guide Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a ten year priority use outfitter-guide permit to provide fully-supported, guided mountain bike tours on designated system trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57705				
Location: UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Designated system trails with the Prescott Basin Management Area of the Bradshaw Ranger District.					

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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 Fiber Optic Replacement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/26/2020	03/2020	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Arizona Public Service Company (APS) Yavapai-Verde 230 kilovolt (kV) Fiber Optic project is located on the Prescott National Forest (PNF), Chino Valley Ranger District. The project consists of replacing the existing static wire on the powerline.				
	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.				
Drake Limestone Quarry Expansion EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 falvarado@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Prescott National Forest is proposing to approve an amendment to Drake Cement LLCs existing Plan of Operations to allow Drake to expand their existing quarry operations on an additional 287 acres of National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57628				
Location: UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Within the SE ¼ of Section 31 and the SW ¼ of Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 1 West and in the west half of Section 5 and the east half of Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 1 West. The project area lies in the northeastern portion of the Prescott National Forest (PNF) in the Chino Valley Ranger District in the vicinity of Paulden in northeastern 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			
Drake Limestone Quarry Expansion EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 falvarado@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Prescott National Forest is proposing to approve an amendment to Drake Cement LLC existing Plan of Operations to allow Drake to expand their existing quarry operations on an additional 287 acres of National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57627				
Location: UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Within the SE ¼ of Section 31 and the SW ¼ of Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 1 West and in the west half of Section 5 and the east half of Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 1 West. Access to the existing quarry and proposed project site is currently provided from State Route (SR) 89 via Forest Road (FR) 680 and FR 9711F (also known as Old Highway 89).					
Yavapai Ranch Reciprocal Easements Project EA	- 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.					

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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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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, exclosure 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	- 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	Completed	Actual: 03/13/2020	03/2020	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 exclosure 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
UNS Gas, Inc. Ogden Ranch Road Natural Gas Pipeline Extension CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/13/2019	12/2019	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of a 4" natural gas line. UNS Gas will be tying into an existing gas regulator station on the West end of Ogden Ranch Road at the SW corner of the intersection of Ogden Ranch and FS Road 9604D (Old State Highway 279).				
	Location: UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - S1/2 NE1/4 Section 23 and NW1/4 and NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 24, T. 15 N., R. 3 E., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona. S1/2 NE1/4 Section 23 and NW1/4 and NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 24, T. 15 N., R. 3 E., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona.				
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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