## Projects Occurring Nationwide

### Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A

**EIS**

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- **Project Name:** Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A
- **Project Purpose:** Regulations, Directives, Orders
- **Planning Status:** In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018. Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021
- **Decision:** Expected: 12/2021
- **Expected Implementation:** 12/2021
- **Project Contact:** Nancy Rusho
  - Phone: 202-731-9196
  - Email: 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](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)

- **Project Name:** Prescott College Academic Outfitter and Guide Priority Use (2015-2025)
- **Project Purpose:** Recreation management, Special use management
- **Planning Status:** On Hold
- **Decision:** N/A
- **Expected Implementation:** N/A
- **Project Contact:** Julie Rowe
  - Phone: 928-203-7516
  - Email: 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](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.
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<td>Aravaipa Running Five-Year Recreation Event Special Use Permit</td>
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<td>- Recreation management - Special use management</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>Actual: 03/06/2020 03/2020</td>
<td>Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 <a href="mailto:jlgilmore@fs.fed.us">jlgilmore@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Location:</strong></td>
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<td>- Grazing management</td>
<td>On Hold</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>John Kava 928-777-2200 <a href="mailto:johnakava@fs.fed.us">johnakava@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong> An analysis to determine whether to re-authorize grazing on the Blue Bell/Wolf Creek Allotment.</td>
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<td>Greater Prescott Trails Mid-Term Projects #2</td>
<td>- Recreation management</td>
<td>In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/10/2018</td>
<td>Expected:01/2020</td>
<td>01/2020</td>
<td>Susan Johnson 928-443-8075 <a href="mailto:sajohnson@fs.fed.us">sajohnson@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong> 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.</td>
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<td>Jack's Project</td>
<td>- Minerals and Geology</td>
<td>In Progress: Scoping Start 03/16/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2019</td>
<td>Expected:01/2020</td>
<td>02/2020</td>
<td>Zakiya Shivji 928-443-8083 <a href="mailto:zshivji@fs.fed.us">zshivji@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong> 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.</td>
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| **Jeep Jamboree Five-Year Recreation Event Special Use Permit** | - Recreation management  
- Special use management | Completed       | Actual: 02/28/2020 | 03/2020 | Jeffrey Gilmore  
928-567-1120  
jgilmore@fs.fed.us |
| **Pine Creek Mining River Bend Placer Project**   | - 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 |
| **Silver Mountain Exploration Drilling**         | - Minerals and Geology                               | In Progress:  
928-443-8083  
zakiya.shivji@usda.gov |

**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.
- 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.
- 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.  
Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) designated roads and motorized trails on the Bradshaw Ranger District.
- 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.
- 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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| **Western Spirit Cycling 10 Year Priority Use Outfitter-Guide Permit** | - 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](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. |

| 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** | - 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** | - 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](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57628)  
**Location:** UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Within the SE ¿ of Section 31 and the SW ¿ 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. |
### Prescott National Forest

**Project Name**
- Drake Limestone Quarry Expansion

**Project Purpose**
- Minerals and Geology

**Planning Status**
- In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2019

**Decision**
- Expected: 08/2020

**Expected Implementation**
- 09/2020

**Project Contact**
- 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](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).

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**Project Name**
- Yavapai Ranch Reciprocal Easements Project

**Project Purpose**
- Land ownership management

**Planning Status**
- In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/14/2017

**Decision**
- Expected: 04/2020

**Expected Implementation**
- 04/2020

**Project Contact**
- 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](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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**Project Name**
- AAM Priority River Rafting Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit

**Project Purpose**
- Recreation management
- Special use management

**Planning Status**
- On Hold

**Decision**
- N/A

**Expected Implementation**
- N/A

**Project Contact**
- Jeffrey Gilmore
  - 928-567-1120
  - jgilmore@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](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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<td>Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</td>
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<td>Albert Sillas 928-567-1124 <a href="mailto:asillas@fs.fed.us">asillas@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong> Improve pool habitat by sediment removal, instream structures, exclosure fences, and removal of juniper tree encroachment in three sites.</td>
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<td>Interstate 17 Corridor Wireless Communications Improvements Antelope Telecommunications Site</td>
<td>Special use management</td>
<td>Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2019</td>
<td>Expected:01/2020</td>
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<td>Chris Welker 928-443-8072 <a href="mailto:chris.welker@usda.gov">chris.welker@usda.gov</a></td>
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<td>Juniper Materials Pit, Free Use Disposal Mineral Material Lease to Yavapai County Supervisors</td>
<td>Forest products - Minerals and Geology - Road management</td>
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<td>Chris Welker 928-443-8072 <a href="mailto:cwelker@fs.fed.us">cwelker@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong> 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).</td>
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<td>Chris Welker 928-443-8072 <a href="mailto:cwelker@fs.fed.us">cwelker@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong> 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.</td>
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### Description

- **UNS Gas, Inc. Ogden Ranch Road Natural Gas Pipeline Extension**
  - 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).

- **Verde Adventures, Inc. Outfitter Guide Priority River Boating Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit**
  - 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.

### 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.**

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