



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

### Prescott National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
--------------	-----------------	-----------------	----------	-------------------------	-----------------

#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- 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
<b>Description:</b> 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					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .					

#### R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

<b>Prescott College Academic Outfitter and Guide Priority Use (2015-2025)</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Julie Rowe 928-203-7516 jrowe@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47407">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47407</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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**

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Prescott National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Forest-wide Hunting Priority Use Outfitter-Guide Permits</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of up to five priority use outfitter-guide permits for big game hunting on the Prescott National Forest.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Prescott National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide.				
<b>Stock Tank Non-native Aquatic Species Management</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/31/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Albert Sillas 928-567-1124 asillas@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This proposal would allow for the application of approved piscicides to remove non-native aquatic species in earthen stock tanks and isolated aquatic habitats where native aquatic species occur in the same watershed on the Prescott National Forest.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58540">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58540</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Prescott National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide.					

<b>Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Abandoned Mine Closures (PNF)</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56582">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56582</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Blue Bell/Wolf Creek Allotments Range NEPA</b> EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	John Kava 928-777-2200 johnakava@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> An analysis to determine whether to re-authorize grazing on the Blue Bell/Wolf Creek Allotment.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53264">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53264</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue Bell and Wolf Creek grazing allotments.					
<b>Greater Prescott Trails Mid-Term Projects #2</b> EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/15/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Susan Johnson 928-443-8075 sajohnson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53205">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53205</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Greater Prescott Basin with a primary focus on Seven Mile Gulch area.					
<b>Highland Pines Domestic Water Improvement District Pipeline Replacement Project</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2020	Expected:05/2020	09/2020	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replacement of an existing domestic water transmission pipeline owned and operated by the Highland Pines Domestic Water Improvement District (DWID) located on Prescott National Forest System (NFS) lands under an existing FLPMA permit				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - S1/2 Section 23, and NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 24, and NW1/4 and NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 26, T. 14 N., R. 3 W., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona. S1/2 Section 23, and NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 24, and NW1/4 and NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 26, T. 14 N., R. 3 W., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>			
<b>Jack's Project</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45642">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45642</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Pine Creek Mining River Bend Placer Project</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 04/14/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 falvarado@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45609">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45609</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Ponderosa Park Road (C101) Improvement Project</b> CE	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This action is for roadway realignment construction and grade reduction of a segment of the Ponderosa Park Road (C101) and related slope stabilization, erosion control, and roadway prism safety improvements under an existing FRTA easement				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - E1/2 Section 20 and E1/2 NW1/4 Section 29, T. 13 N., R. 2 W., G&SR Meridian, Yavapai, County, AZ. E1/2 Section 20 and E1/2 NW1/4 Section 29, T. 13 N., R. 2 W., G&SR Meridian, Yavapai, County, AZ.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>			
<b>Silver Mountain Exploration Drilling</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Section 8, T9N, R1W in Yavapai County, Arizona in the Bradshaw Ranger District.				
<b>USDI, BLM Horsethief Mountain Communications Site Reconstruction</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/11/2020	06/2020	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This action is for demolition and replacement construction of an existing telecommunications facility and related improvements under a Special Use telecommunications lease to the USDI, BLM located at the Horsethief Mountain Communications Site.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 33, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona. NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 33, T. 10 N., R. 1 E., G&SRM, Yavapai County, Arizona.				

<b>Prescott National Forest Chino Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>			
<b>Drake Limestone Quarry Expansion</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 falvarado@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This is a duplicate SOPA entry. Project not cancelled but represented under project number 57628 under the same project name.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57627">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57627</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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).					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Prescott National Forest Chino Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Drake Limestone Quarry Expansion</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/14/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 falvarado@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57628">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57628</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Rio Verde Ranch LWCF Acquisition with Trust for Public Land, TPL Arizona, Inc.</b> CE	- Land acquisition	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This action is for acquisition of a parcel of private property commonly known as the Rio Verde Ranch located on both the north and south banks of the Verde River and owned by the Trust for Public Land, dba TPL-Arizona, Inc. (TPL, seller).				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - E1/2 SE1/4 Section 34 and SW1/4 and SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 35, T. 18 N., R. 1 W., Gila & Salt River Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona. E1/2 SE1/4 Section 34 and SW1/4 and SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 35, T. 18 N., R. 1 W., Gila & Salt River Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona.				
<b>Yavapai Ranch Reciprocal Easements Project</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> Exchange reciprocal easements on approximately 18 mile of road.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=29905">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=29905</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northwestern corner of Prescott National Forest in the.					

<b>Prescott National Forest Verde Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
--	---------------------------------

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Prescott National Forest Verde Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>AAM Priority River Rafting Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40886">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40886</a>				
<b>City of Cottonwood Ogden Ranch Road Improvement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 05/04/2020	05/2020	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This action is for roadway realignment construction, grade reduction and asphalt surfacing of the Ogden Ranch Road under an existing Forest Road and Trail Act easement to the City of Cottonwood, AZ				
	<b>Location:</b> 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., Gila & Salt River Meridian, 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., Gila & Salt River Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona.				
<b>Gila Chub Habitat Improvement Project</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> Improve pool habitat by sediment removal, instream structures, enclosure fences, and removal of juniper tree encroachment in three sites.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30425">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30425</a>				
<b>Interstate 17 Corridor Wireless Communications Improvements Antelope Telecommunications Site</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Prescott National Forest</b>	<b>Verde Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>	
<b>Reissuance of a Water Development Special Use Permit to Frank and Wanita Melluzzo</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=39048">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=39048</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T14N, R3E, Sect17. Off Cherry road in Cherry, AZ.				
<b>Verde Adventures, Inc. Outfitter Guide Priority River Boating Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-687-1301 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40889">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40889</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Yavapai County Department of Public Works Temporary Construction Special Use Permit Geotech. Study</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/11/2020	09/2020	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a temporary construction Special Use Permit (SUP) to Yavapai County Department of Public Works (Yavapai County) for access to a portion of the Prescott National Forest in support of the ongoing VerdeConnect Federal Highways project				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - SE1/4 Section 33, T. 15 N., R. 4 E., Gila & Salt River Meridian. SE1/4 Section 33, T. 15 N., R. 4 E., Gila & Salt River Meridian.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
--------------	-----------------	-----------------	----------	-------------------------	-----------------

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.