



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Tonto National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*UPDATED*</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 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 .					

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

4FRI Rim Country Project EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/18/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Mike Dechter 928-527-3416 mike.dechter@usda.gov
Description: Landscape-scale restoration on the Coconino, Apache-Sitgreaves, and Tonto National Forests of ponderosa pine ecosystems, designed to maintain, improve, and restore ecosystem structure, pattern, function, and resiliency.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/4FRIRimCountry					
Location: UNIT - Coconino National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mogollon Rim Ranger District, Coconino NF; Black Mesa and Lakeside Ranger Districts, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest; Payson and Pleasant Valley Ranger Districts, Tonto National Forest.					

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R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
APS 69kv Power Line Permit for Childs-Irving Line CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/12/2015	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Mike Dechter 928-527-3416 mdechter@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a permit to replace the expired Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Hydropower License. Existing 69 kV line that was part of the Childs Irving Power operation and covered under the old license. Has been in continuous operation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47114				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District, Red Rock Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila, Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Line that travels from Childs substation to Irving power plant area. Includes small sections of the Tonto NF where it crosses Fossil Creek.					
Arizona National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Laura White 520-388-8328 laura.white3@usda.gov
	Description: The comprehensive plan will establish the administrative objectives, policies, processes, and management guidelines necessary to fulfill the legislative requirements for national scenic trails under the National Trails System Act.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49535				
Location: UNIT - Coronado National Forest All Units, Kaibab National Forest All Units, Coconino National Forest All Units, Tonto National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Arizona National Scenic Trail goes from the Coronado National Monument to the Utah Border at Vermillion Cliffs- 800 miles south to north across the State of Arizona.					
Emory Oak Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Heritage resource management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/19/2019	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Andrew Stevenson 928-433-3861 andrew.stevenson@usda.gov
	Description: Forest Service in partnership with the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Tonto Apache, San Carlos Apache, and White Mountain Apache tribes are developing proposals to manage and restore culturally important Emory oak groves.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56499				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District, Red Rock Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Gila, Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Eight Emory oak groves on Coconino National Forest's Red Rock Ranger District and one grove on the Tonto National Forest's Payson Ranger District.					

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R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive River Management Plan EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/01/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	Marcos Roybal 928-203-2915 comments-southwestern-coconino-redrock@fs.fed.us
	Description: Creation of a CRMP for Fossil Creek--click on "Analysis" tab to view Nov. 30, 2018, draft CRMP/DEIS documents. View Fossil Creek general information.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=27457				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District, Red Rock Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila, Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fossil Creek (Wild and Scenic River Portions) - Red Rock District of the Coconino National Forest and Payson Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest.					
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.					

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Western Area Power Administration Glen Canyon-Rogers 230/345kV Integrated Vegetation Mgmt Program EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/20/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Mike Dechter 928-527-3416 mdechter@fs.fed.us
	Description: Western is proposing to implement a operation and maintenance (O&M) and Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program on the Rogers-Glen Canyon section of the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) Transmission System. Includes use of herbicides.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49397				
Location: UNIT - Coconino National Forest All Units, Tonto National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Gila, Pima, Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This transmission line runs throughout the Coconino National Forest and through portions of the Tonto National Forest.					

Tonto National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R3 - Southwestern Region	
Forest-wide Reissuance of Lands Special Use Authorizations 2019 CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Alison Mettler 602-225-5229 alison.mettler@usda.gov
	Description: Tonto National Forest will issue 63 special use authorizations for new terms. All of the authorizations are existing, the holder is in full compliance with the authorization's terms and conditions, no changes have occurred in either the use or scope.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56700				
Location: UNIT - Tonto National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila, Maricopa, Pinal, Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These existing authorizations are located all over the Tonto National Forest.					
Tonto National Forest Motorized Travel Management EIS	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 10/04/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Gregory Schuster 602-225-5362 gjschuster@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Tonto National Forest is completing the analysis for the Travel Management Rule which calls for establishing a system of roads, trails, and areas designated for motorized vehicle use and determining suitable locations for dispersed camping.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=28967				
Location: UNIT - Tonto National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila, Maricopa, Pinal, Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tonto National Forest.					

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Tonto National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Tonto National Forest Plan Revision EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/13/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Kenna Belsky 602-225-5200 SM.FS.tontoplan@usda.gov
	Description: A collaborative effort to revise the Land and Resources Management Plan for the Tonto National Forest in Arizona				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51592				
Location: UNIT - Tonto National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila, Maricopa, Pinal, Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tonto National Forest; Forestwide.					

Tonto National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R3 - Southwestern Region
North Zone 2019 Range Betterment Project CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Kelly Bedson 928-474-7924 kellypbedson@fs.fed.us
	Description: New water sources and handling facilities to improve livestock management				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57300				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District, Pleasant Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Payson and Pleasant valley Ranger Districts, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, AZ.					
Pine Mountain Area Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 06/15/2020 06/14/2020	09/2020	Dave Ramirez 480-610-3300 comments-southwestern-tonto-mesa@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to utilize prescribed fire or naturally occurring wildfire to reduce hazardous fuel accumulation and mitigate effects from an unplanned wildfire that could be catastrophic to Mexican spotted owl habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53149				
Location: UNIT - Tonto Basin Ranger District, Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila, Maricopa. LEGAL - Township 5N, Range 9 and 10 E, Section(s) 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35, 36, 18, 19, 30, and 31. The project is located on the Mesa and Tonto Basin Ranger Districts at Pine Mountain, Brushy Basin areas near Forest Service Road 422, approximately 25 air miles northeast from Mesa, AZ.					

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Tonto National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Resolution Copper Project and Land Exchange EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Land ownership management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/09/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2020	Expected:06/2021	08/2021	Mary Rasmussen 602-225-5246 mcasmussen@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Tonto National Forest is preparing an environmental impact statement(EIS) to disclosure the environmental effects from: 1) a mining proposal submitted by Resolution Copper; 2)the exchange of land between Resolution Copper and United States.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48956				
Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District, Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Pinal. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tonto National Forest.					

Tonto National Forest Cave Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Desert Vista Area Improvement Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/29/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2020	Expected:11/2020	01/2021	Eric Norman 480-595-3372 comments-southwestern-tonto-cave-creek@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal is a multi-staging area and access road construction project. The goal of this project is to address the high level of demand and use, disperse use over the greater Desert Vista area, and improve access points along the forest boundary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58215				
Location: UNIT - Cave Creek Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Maricopa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project location(s) are on the Cave Creek Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest in Maricopa County, AZ, northeast of the Rio Verde/ Dynamite neighborhoods of North Scottsdale, AZ.					

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Devil's Hole and Telegraph Trail Road Maintenance and Reconstruction Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/03/2019	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Jason Scow 480-610-3331 comments- southwestern-tonto- cave-creek@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would repair and reconstruct roads near two popular recreation areas, Devil's Hole and Telegraph Trail. It would also include educational signs and boulder placement to protect surrounding vegetation and wildlife habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56161				
Location: UNIT - Cave Creek Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Devils Hole is at the eastern end of FR532 where it meets the Verde River between Bartlett and Horseshoe lakes. Telegraph Trail is where FR42 meets near North Lake Road near Bartlett Lake.					
Red Creek, Six Bar, and Skeleton Ridge Grazing EA	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Sturla 480-595-3331 comments- southwestern-tonto- cave-creek@fs.fed.us
	Description: To improve ecological conditions within three grazing allotments using tools such as adaptive grazing and wildlife habitat improvement and by maintaining or replacing aging structural range improvements such as fences, water developmements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40700				
Location: UNIT - Cave Creek Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila, Yavapai. LEGAL - The Verde River flows through approximately 30 miles of the allotments. Southern portion of allotments are approximately 20 miles north and northeast of Cave Creek, AZ. Cave Creek Ranger District along the Verde River.					

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Tonto National Forest Cave Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Sonoran Desert Ecosystem Restoration CE	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Grant Loomis 602-225-5200 comments- southwestern-tonto- cave-creek@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Tonto National Forest is proposing to obliterate approximately 145 miles of unauthorized and uninventoried user created motorized routes in the Desert Vista and St Claire areas in the Cave Creek. Routes currently being analyzed in the Travel Mgmt				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51334				
Location: UNIT - Cave Creek Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Maricopa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North part is located west of Bartlett Reservoir approximately 12 air miles west to east from Cave Creek. The southern part is between Carefree and the Verde River.					

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Tonto National Forest Globe Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
AT&T Signal Peak Antenna Collocation onto an Existing Tower CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mark McEntarffer 602-225-5239 mmcentarffer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Trench from APS building to AZDPS tower for the purpose of collocating antennas on AZDPS's tower.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53812				
Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sites 1 & 2 of Pinal Peak Communications site. Pinal Peak is approximately 8 miles south of the town of Globe.					
Charley Johnson Small Tracts Act Land Sale CE	- Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tamarya Pike 602-225-5229 tpike@fs.fed.us
	Description: Parcel of National Forest System lands with private facilities located on it - qualifies for the Small Tract Act Authority.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48999				
Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 4 miles from the junction of Hwy 60 and 77/70.					

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Tonto National Forest Globe Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Copper King 2019 CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/09/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Benjamin Harrold 928-402-6200 benjamin.harrold@usda.gov
	Description: Bronco Creek Exploration proposed to drill from four of six possible sites. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56690				
	Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Pinal. LEGAL - Township 1 South, Range 12 East, Sections 10-15 and 22-24; Township 1 South, Range 13 East, Section 7, 8, and 18. The project is located near Forest Roads 342 and 2458, approximately two miles northeast of the Town of Superior.				
Hicks-Pikes Peak Allotment Grazing Authorization EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/31/2019	Expected:11/2020	01/2021	Andrea Wages 928-402-6222 comments-southwestern-tonto-globe@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project is a new planning effort to authorize livestock grazing on the Hicks-Pikes Peak Allotment in a manner that is consistent with the goals, objectives, and standards and guidelines of the Tonto National Forest Plan. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52246				
	Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hicks-Pikes Peak Allotment is located on Globe Ranger District, 8 miles north and northwest of Globe, Arizona in Gila County. Salt River forms part of the allotment's northern boundary.				
Highway Tanks Tribal Forest Protection Act Project CE	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/17/2018	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Jonathan Marvin 520-364-3468 comments-southwestern-tonto-globe@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would focus on restoration of fire adapted ecosystems, including mechanical thinning and prescribed burning to accomplish landscape restoration objectives as proposed by the Tribe that are on the Tonto National Forest and Tribal Land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53161				
	Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Western Globe Ranger District; implement an adaptive management strategy on about 115,000 acres in the Upper Gila Sub-Basin watershed over the next five to ten years.				

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Tonto National Forest Globe Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Pinal County Pinal Peak Comm Site Improvement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mark McEntarffer 602-225-5239 mmcentarffer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve radio communications at this site in support of public safety for Pinal County and the region. Primary use of this site is 2-way radio communications for Pinal County Sheriff Office and the Arizona Department for Public Safety.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50950				
Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Gila County, Arizona, GSRM, T.2 S., R.15 E., Sections 4 and 9. Site# 16 Pinal Peak Communications Site, Globe Ranger District, Tonto National Forest.					
Pinaladera WUI Fuels Management EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louis Sandoval 928-402-6200 comments-southwestern-tonto-globe@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fuels reduction on approximately 83,558 acres south of Globe. Area includes the Pinal Mountain Recreation Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=3775				
Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - T. 1-2 S., R. 13-16 E., GSRM. Pinal Mountains south of Globe and east of Devil's Canyon.					
Pinto Valley Mine Plan of Operations EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/13/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2020	Expected:05/2021	07/2021	Mindy Vogel 303-275-5250 mindy.vogel@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this Plan is to administratively consolidate all authorizations required to continue ongoing and future operations, as well as authorize new disturbance on National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.pintovalleymineeis.us				
Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - T1N, R13E, Sections 1, 2, 3,4, 11, 14, 23, 24, 25; T1N, R14E, Sections 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32; T1S, R14 E Sections 5 and 6; T2N, R13 E Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 34. Pinto Valley Mine is located approximately three miles north of US Highway 60 on Pinto Valley Road (Forest Road 287), and approximately eight miles west of Miami, in Gila County, Arizona.					

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The Hook Exploration Drilling on National Forest System Lands CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 06/02/2020	06/2020	Benjamin Harrold 928-402-6200 benjamin.harrold@usda.gov
	Description: BHP proposes exploration drilling at two sites located on National Forest System lands in the vicinity of Globe, Arizona.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57693				
Location: UNIT - Globe Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Section 2 of Township 1 North, Range 15.5 East, in Gila County, Arizona. The Project Area is located approximately 5 miles north of Globe, Arizona, and would be accessed from Globe via the existing Copper Hills Road and U.S. Forest Service Roads 224 and 278.					

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Tonto National Forest Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Hawes Trail System Master Development Plan Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Kelly Richards 480-610-3334 comments-southwestern-tonto-mesa@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to authorize a Master Development Plan for the Hawes Trail System and the adjacent area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57692				
Location: UNIT - Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Maricopa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Hawes Trail System area, identified as Forest lands west of Usery Pass, south and east of Bush Highway, and north of the Forest boundary and the City of Mesa.					

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Tonto National Forest Mesa Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Sonoran Desert Ecosystem Restoration CE	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Grant Loomis 602-225-5200 comments-southwestern-tonto-mesa@fs.fed.us
	Description: Obliterate approximately 145 miles of unauthorized and uninventoried user created motorized routes in the Rolls, Bulldog Canyon, and Hewitt Canyon areas in the Mesa Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51337				
Location: UNIT - Mesa Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Maricopa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The northern part of project area is between Fort McDowell and Four Peaks Wilderness. The southern part of the project area is between Ft. McDowell and Superstitions Wilderness.					

Tonto National Forest Payson Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Alder Mesa Trail Re-Route of the AZNST CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/29/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Jeremy Plain 928-474-7977 jplain@fs.fed.us
	Description: To relocate the trail to a more sustainable location.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57298				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Matazal Wilderness area, Payson Ranger District.					
Cragin-Payson TSA Water Treatment Plant CE	- Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tamarya Pike 602-225-5229 tpike@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sell approximately 7 acres to the Town of Payson for a water treatment plant to implement the Decision Notice and FONSI for the Cragin Water Pipeline and Treatment Plant Project signed 11/2/2011				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49004				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 3 miles north of the Town of Payson limits on the east side of West Houston Mesa Road just south of Mesa del Caballo subdivision.					

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Tonto National Forest Payson Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Diamond Point Lookout Tower Project EA	- Special area management - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2019	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Jeremy Plain 928-474-7977 jplain@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate a fire lookout tower				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56422				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Payson Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona.					
Grapevine and Sycamore Springs Pipelines Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/05/2018	Expected:06/2018	06/2018	Kelly Bedson 928-474-7924 kellypbedson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install pipelines from springboxes to watering troughs				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54158				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near Payson,AZ.					
Hardscrabble Juniper Clearing 2015 CE	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kelly Bedson 928-474-7924 kellypbedson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Tonto National Forest proposes to authorize the permittee to treat an area using an agra-axe mounted on a rubber-tired or tread skid steer tractor to cut juniper trees of less than 8 inch diameter breast height (DBH).				
	Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Sec. 26, 27, T 11N, R 8E of the Gila and Salt River Base Meridian. The Hardscrabble Juniper Clearing project encompasses about 100 acres west of the town of Pine and south of the town of Strawberry.				

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New Delph Tank & Bear Tank Maintenance CE	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Douglas Ruppel 928-474-7908 comments- southwestern-tonto- payson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to create new water developments that capture and store water for authorized livestock and wild ungulates.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47365				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - T10.5; R15E; Sec 21, 28, 33 of the Gila and Salt River Base Meridian. The New Delph Tank & Bear Tank Maintenance project is on the Pleasant Valley Ranger District. The project is located on the OW grazing allotment of the Tonto National Forest in Gila County, Arizona.					
Red Lake Tanks - 2016 CE	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kelly Bedson 928-474-7924 kellypbedson@fs.fed.us
	Description: In compliance with Forest Service policy and Forest Plan objectives, the Pleasant Valley Ranger District proposes to authorize the permittee to construct seven new tanks on the Red Lake allotments.				
	Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - USGS Quad: Parallel Canyon, Township(s): 9,10N Range(s): 15E Section(s): 4, 9, 17, 19, 31. Located on the Red Lake Allotments, northeast of Young, Arizona.				
Silent Hill Mineral Exploration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/15/2020	Expected:07/2020	09/2020	Lee Ann Atkinson 602-225-5200 leeann.atkinson@usda.gov
	Description: Operations will include exploratory trenching at three separate sites and milling and gravity concentration at the existing tailings pile where bulk samples would be collected.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58057				
Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Township 11.5 North, Range 10 East, Section 30. Located in northern Gila County, about 5 miles Southeast of Pine, Arizona. General location of project occurs along Forest Road 74, in Shannon Gulch area.					

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Tonto National Forest Payson Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Sycamore and Pigeon Canyon Wildlife Catchment Replacement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:09/2020	01/2021	Debbie Cress 928-467-3220 dcress@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rebuilding and replacement of wildlife waterers and providing exclusion fencing to provide more reliable water sources and increase water volumes available. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58122				
	Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Payson Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, AZ.				
Taurus Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Alex Mankin (928) 402-6200 amankin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vortex Technology LLC has submitted a Plan of Operations for a trenching exploration project. Up to 9 trenches, 3 short(30'X2'X6') and 6 long (6'X4'X4'). Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54368				
	Location: UNIT - Payson Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Township 9 North, Range 10 East, Sections 6 and 7. The project is located near Thompson Wash, near Forest Service Roads 414 and 1549, approximately three air miles northwest from Rye, Arizona.				

Tonto National Forest Pleasant Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Flying V and Flying H Allotment Management Plans EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Angela Elam 928.474.7901 comments-southwestern-tonto-pleasant-valley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Update and reauthorize two allotment management plans. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30274				
	Location: UNIT - Pleasant Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North, East, and South of Young, AZ.				

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Tonto National Forest Pleasant Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Flying V&H Prescribed Fire CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/18/2018	Expected:05/2019	05/2019	Jeremy Plain 928-474-7977 jplain@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to use prescribed fire to improve timber stand conditions and wildlife habitat by reducing catastrophic fire hazard and natural fuel build-up.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53190				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project area is located approximately 10 air miles east of Young, AZ with it's western boundary on Cherry Creek and eastern boundary at the Fort Apache Reservation.					
Haigler Fuels Analysis EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jason Cress 928-467-3251 jcress@fs.fed.us
	Description: Manage timber and other woody vegetation to help maintain forest health, reduce forest fuels, and improve wildlife habitat and range conditions on approximately 43,435 acres of the Tonto National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34507				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pleasant Valley Ranger District, Management Areas 5D, 5G, and 4F, including areas around Haigler Creek Estates.					
Lower Pleasant Valley Tricktank Pipeline Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/05/2018	Expected:06/2018	06/2018	Kelly Bedson 928-474-7924 kellypbedson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Provide livestock with reliable water sources				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54157				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of Young, AZ.					

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Tonto National Forest Pleasant Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Pleasant Valley Northwest Grazing Allotments Analysis EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Sturla 480-595-3331 comments-southwestern-tonto-pleasant-valley@fs.fed.us
	Description: This analysis covers five grazing allotments and will address actions needed to formalize an adaptive management livestock grazing strategy to maintain or move resources toward desired conditions in the project area as in the Tonto NF Plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30075				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bar X, Haigler Creek, Colcord Canyon, Young, and Marsh Creek grazing allotments located north and west of Young, AZ. The project area is bisected by FR200 between State Highway 260 and Young, AZ.					

Tonto National Forest Tonto Basin Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Clover to Schell Pipeline Extension CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Eric Hoskins 928-467-3236 ehoskins@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project is to add water sources to better distribute livestock and provide additional reliable water sources.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57297				
Location: UNIT - Tonto Basin Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Armer and Dutchwoman grazing allotments, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, AZ.					
Dagger, Poison Spring, Black Mesa and A-Cross Grazing Allotment Management Plans EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Eric Hoskins 602-225-5395 comments-southwestern-tonto-tonto-basin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize grazing on the Dagger, Poison Spring, Black Mesa and A-Cross Grazing Allotments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49896				
Location: UNIT - Tonto Basin Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tonto Basin Ranger District.					

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Tonto National Forest Tonto Basin Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R3 - Southwestern Region		
Pinto Creek Erosion Control Reconstruction/Bank Stabilization Project CE	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Kelly Jardine 928-467-3201 kjardine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Stabilization of Creek Bank for Erosion Control and Safety				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56461				
Location: UNIT - Tonto Basin Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona.					
Poison Springs Structural Range Improvements CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/22/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2020	Eric Hoskins 928-467-3236 ehoskins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Structural measures are proposed to facilitate the management of livestock by evenly distributing cattle on the allotment, restricting access to sensitive areas and provide livestock with additional reliable water sources.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55711				
Location: UNIT - Tonto Basin Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Poison Springs Allotment, Tonto Basin Ranger District, T3N, R 14E, Sections 28,29,33 and 20 as well as T3N, R13E, Section 14.					
Roosevelt Lake Resort Runoff Control CE	- Special area management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Kelly Jardine 928-467-3201 kjardine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct a channel to intercept storm runoff and prevent damage to private property and enhance public safety.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57679				
Location: UNIT - Tonto Basin Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Roosevelt, Arizona.					
Salome Basin Bull Mountain South Pipelines CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Eric Hoskins 928-467-3236 ehoskins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Add water sources to two pastures to improve livestock distribution				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58039				
Location: UNIT - Tonto Basin Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bull Mountain and West Lake Pastures, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona.					

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Tonto National Forest Tonto Basin Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R3 - Southwestern Region
Schoolhouse 2019 Fence Project CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Eric Hoskins 928-467-3236 ehoskins@fs.fed.us
	Description: To ease the management of livestock on the schoolhouse allotment				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57303				
Location: UNIT - Tonto Basin Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Gila. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Schoolhouse grazing allotment, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, AZ.					

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