



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Dixie National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	John Shivik 801-625-5667 johnashivik@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is considering amending its land management plans to address new and evolving issues arising since implementing sage-grouse plans in 2015. This project is in cooperation with the USDI Bureau of Land Management.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381				
Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units, Boise National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest All Units, Manti-La Sal National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache All Units. STATE - Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Jackson, Moffat, Routt, Adams, Blaine, Bonneville, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, Elmore, Fremont, Madison, Churchill, Clark, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lincoln, Nye, Pershing, Washoe, White Pine, Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Daggett, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Morgan, Piute, Rich, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, Wayne, Weber, Platte, Sublette, Teton, Weston, Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sagebrush lands in National Forests of Nevada, Utah, southern Idaho, southwest Montana, southwest & south-central Wyoming and northern Colorado.					

Dixie National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R4 - Intermountain Region	
Dixie National Forest Outfitter Guide Special Use Priority Permits CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/30/2020	03/2020	McCall Davis 435-896-1038 msdavis@fs.fed.us
	Description: Dixie National Forest Outfitter Guide Special Use Priority Permits. Issuance of priority permits to outfitter guides that have previously operated on the DNF.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57893				
Location: UNIT - Dixie National Forest All Units. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield, Iron, Kane, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Activities would occur throughout the Dixie National Forest as permitted.					

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Dixie National Forest Special Use Permit Reauthorizations CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/13/2020	06/2020	Amy Sutton 719-221-4523 amylsutton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of Special Use Permits throughout the Dixie National Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57084				
	Location: UNIT - Dixie National Forest All Units. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield, Iron, Kane, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The permits would be re-authorized throughout the DNF.				
Outfitter/Guide Permit Re-issuance (Fall 2020) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/18/2020	09/2020	McCall Davis 435-896-1038 msdavis@fs.fed.us
	Description: Outfitter/Guide Special Use Permit Re-issuance Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58632				
	Location: UNIT - Dixie National Forest All Units. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield, Iron, Kane, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Guides would operate throughout the Dixie National Forest where permitted.				

Dixie National Forest Cedar City Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Bear Flat Aspen Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2020	Expected:10/2020	06/2021	Robert Lopez 435-865-3271 robert.r.lopez@usda.gov
	Description: The Cedar City Ranger District, Dixie National Forest, proposes treatment of approximately 135 acres to restore the health and vigor of aspen stands. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58108				
	Location: UNIT - Cedar City Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T 36 S R 9 W Sections 10,11,14,15. Watersheds: 6th Field HUCs, Summit Creek, Dry Lakes Creek, Ashdown Creek				

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Pass Creek Water Development Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/11/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Vaughn Thacker 719-852-5941 vjthacker@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would drill a well in the Pass Creek area to provide water to wildlife and livestock in the area. A well will replace the current spring box and be attached to existing pipelines and tanks.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57205				
Location: UNIT - Cedar City Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield. LEGAL - T36 S. R 7 W., section 2. Pass Creek Watershed, a tributary of the Sevier River System, approximately 1.5 miles due east of Panguitch Lake. Located on FSR 070 approximately 1.2 miles south of the junction with State Hwy 143.					
South Central Communications Panguitch Lake South Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/30/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jennifer Green 435-865-3729 jennifergreen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Placement of a fiber optic line on the south side of Panguitch Lake. Line will be trenched in below ground.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58740				
Location: UNIT - Cedar City Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Panguitch Lake, UT.					

Dixie National Forest Escalante Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Chriss/Deer Creek Trail Connector CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Cindy Calbaum 435-826-5425 ccalbaum@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop a new trail connector between the Chriss Lake and Deer Creek Trails. This will provide users with the option of a loop trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40235				
Location: UNIT - Escalante Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield. Off State Route 12 approximately 9 miles north of Boulder, UT, between trail numbers 34015 and 34016.					

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Coyote Hollow Pockets Pipeline CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/05/2019	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jessica Warner 435-826-5433 jwarner@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to improve wildlife habitat by increasing livestock distribution on the Coyote Hollow allotment. There is a need to add & bury eight miles of water pipeline and a solar pump through the Pacer and Antimony Creek pastures Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53980				
	Location: UNIT - Escalante Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield. LEGAL - T32S R1W sections 2,3,4,10,11,12,13, and T32S R1E section 18. Coyote Hollow Allotment, Pacer and Antimony Creek Pastures.				
Escalante Ranger District Eastside Allotments EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jessica Warner 435-826-5433 jwarner@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to continue to authorize livestock grazing in a manner that will continue to meet or satisfactorily move Dixie National Forest resources toward desired condition and meet Forest Plan objectives. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47936				
	Location: UNIT - Escalante Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area includes the grazing allotments Boulder, Sand Creek and West Deer Creek.				
South Central Communications Hogback to Boulder Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/05/2020	08/2020	Jennifer Green 435-865-3729 jennifergreen@fs.fed.us
	Description: South Central Communications requests a right of way permit to place fiber optic cable from Hogback to Boulder on the Dixie National Forest. The line would primarily follow an existing road corridor and be trenched underground. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56716				
	Location: UNIT - Escalante Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Escalante District - Hogback to Boulder, Cedar City Ranger District - near Panguitch Lake.				

Dixie National Forest Pine Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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North Hills Wild Horse Water Development Project CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Randolph Beckstrand 435-652-3101 rbeckstrand@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project would provide additional water resources (one guzzler and two water catchments) to improve the distribution of wild horses and increase forage availability throughout the North Hills Joint Management Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57904				
Location: UNIT - Pine Valley Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Iron, Washington. LEGAL - T 36 S., R. 18 W, sections 14, 21-22 and 36. The water improvements would be on FS land within the North Hills Wild Horse Joint Management Area, 2 miles northwest of Enterprise, Utah.					
Pine Valley Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/13/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Lyndsay Fonger 435-652-3172 lfonger@fs.fed.us
	Description: The intent of this project is to improve habitat conditions for wildlife species associated with sagebrush and pinyon-juniper communities and to trend the existing habitat conditions to meet desired conditions established by the Forest Plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57110				
Location: UNIT - Pine Valley Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Iron, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 320,000 acres of the Pine Valley Ranger District are under review for treatments including the 250,000 acres in IRA outside of wilderness areas.					
Spring Hollow and Grass Valley Mountain Biking Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/19/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Charity Jessop 435-651-5970 Charity.Jessop@usda.gov
	Description: The Dixie National Forest proposes to construct two non-motorized mountain biking trail networks in the Pine Valley Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58618				
Location: UNIT - Pine Valley Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed Spring Hollow Network is situated to the north of St. George, Utah and the Red Cliffs Reserve. The proposed Grass Valley Network is situated to the northwest of Pine Valley, Utah.					

Dixie National Forest Powell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Paunsaugunt Plateau Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/17/2018	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	Michael Golden 435-865-3726 mgolden@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would maintain and improve the status of the Paunsaugunt boreal toad population and other key wildlife species by increasing the availability of woody browse, such as aspen, adjacent to current, historic and potential use areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53784				
Location: UNIT - Powell Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Kane. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Treatment areas are all on the Paunsaugunt Plateau beginning approximately 14 miles southwest of Bryce Canyon City, UT and extending south.					
Powell Travel Management Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Christopher Wehrli 435-896-1053 clwehrli@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Powell Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest is proposing to revise its system of motorized roads and trails. Some of the activities are proposed in Inventoried Roadless Areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44203				
Location: UNIT - Powell Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Garfield, Kane, Piute. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Powell Ranger District.					

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