



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Inyo 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 .				

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

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Inyo National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Eastern Sierra Fire Restoration and Maintenance Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019	Expected:01/2021	03/2021	Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 elnoesser@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore and maintain fire regimes to vegetation types characterized by frequent to moderate fire return intervals using prescribed fire and wildfires managed for resource benefit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56291				
Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The non-wilderness portions of the Inyo National Forest outside the White or Inyo Mountains.					
Inyo NF Personal Use Fuelwood Program Area Assessment CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Scott Kusumoto 760-924-5522 skusumoto@fs.fed.us
	Description: Assessment of Inyo NF Personal Use Fuelwood Program Open areas				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55238				
Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide assessment.					
Permit Reissuances - Ongoing, various permit types CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2018	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 elnoesser@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ongoing and continuous reissuance of various special use authorizations. Examples of these are resorts, research activities, utilities and events. For further information on any specific permit or permitted activities, contact Erin Noesser.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55278				
Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California, Nevada. COUNTY - Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mono, Esmeralda, Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Over the entire Inyo National Forest.					

Inyo National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R5 - Pacific Southwest Region

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Inyo National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Cottonwood Creek and Upper Owens River Wild and Scenic Management Plans EA	- Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/18/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2021	Expected:02/2022	03/2022	Adam Barnett 760-873-2461 adam.barnett@usda.gov
	Description: Developing a Wild and Scenic River Management Plan for two designated rivers: Cottonwood Creek in the White Mountains and the Owens River Headwaters.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57325				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District, Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Owens River Headwaters, including Deadman and Glass Creeks, in Mono County, from the headwaters to the private land boundary downstream of Hwy 395, and Cottonwood Creek in the White Mountains.					
ECV Monument Special Use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Carmen John 760-873-2510 cjohn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a new permit to the Slim Princess Chapter of E. Clampus Vitus authorizing five historical markers located at various locations on the south zone Inyo National Forest. New permit term will be for 10 years.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50842				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District, Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Buttermilk Road near junction of Hwy 168; Parcher's Resort, South Fork Bishop Creek; Cardinal Gold Mine, Bishop Creek; Hwy 395 20 North of Bishop Sherwin Grade; Intake 2, Bishop Creek.					
Inyo County Road easements on four roads CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 12/10/2020	12/2020	Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 elnoesser@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal is to provide easements to Inyo County on four roads to allow for continued road maintenance by Inyo County under a legal instrument.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57322				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District, Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Throughout Inyo County, including County, Onion Valley, Foothill, and Death Valley roads.					

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Inyo National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
University of CA Santa Barbara research study "Effects of nonnative trout introduction." CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/24/2019	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Multi year study from the Young Lab in wilderness locations, @ Golden Lake, No Name Lake, Fifth & Six Lake on WMRD, and heart Lake, Bench Lake, Matlock Lake and Flower Lake on MWRD;includes various temporary installations and collections.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56520				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District, Mount Whitney Ranger District, Inyo National Forest Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multi year study from the Young Lab in wilderness locations, @ Golden Lake, No Name Lake, Fifth & Six Lake on WMRD, and heart Lake, Bench Lake, Matlock Lake and Flower Lake on MWRD;includes various t.					
Valley Electric Authority Nevada Broadband Installation EA	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Valley Electric Authority (VEA), a Nevada utility company, is proposing to add broadband cables to existing utility lines, and renew their Special Use Permit. There would be about 10.5 miles of cable added to overhead lines, and 200 feet underground.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51065				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District, Mono Ranger District. STATE - Nevada. COUNTY - Esmeralda, Mineral. LEGAL - Township 1N, Range 32 East and Range 33 East, and Township 2N, Range 33E. Along Highway 6 in Nevada, on the East side of Montgomery Pass, near the Esmeralda, Mineral County line.					

Inyo National Forest Mammoth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Airport Pit Disposal Site Permit Renewal CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sirons@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of special use permit to the Town of Mammoth Lakes for operation of clean waste disposal at the Airport Pit				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47812				
Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mammoth Airport Pit.					

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Lakes Basin Connector Trails Enhancement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/10/2020	Expected:01/2021	08/2021	Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 elnoesser@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of 15 miles of new natural surfaced multi-use, non-motorized trails in the Sherwins and Lakes Basin area, near Mammoth Lakes, CA. The trails will be constructed and maintained in partnership with the Town of Mammoth Lakes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58276				
Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sherwins and Lakes Basin areas near the Town of Mammoth Lakes, CA.					
Laurel Ponds Monitoring Wells Replacement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sirons@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Mammoth Community Water District is proposed to replace four existing monitoring wells around Laurel Ponds, on the Mammoth Ranger District and abandon the existing wells. The wells are needed to comply with State Water Board regulations				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59204				
Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - MDM, T.4S, R 2 E., Sec 9. On the North side of Laurel Ponds near the town of Mammoth lakes, CA.					
Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Colleen Garcia 760-873-2424 colleengarcia@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project proposes to drill up to 3 core borings on up to 14 drill pads, to evaluate the mineral potential within the Long Valley area, near Lake Crowley. Access may include driving on existing roads and temp roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59294				
Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Township 3 S, Range 28 E, Section 26. Township 3S, Range 28E, Section 26, Mt. Diablo Meridian.					

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New Verizon Communication Tower at the Garage near Canyon Lodge CE *UPDATED*	- Special area management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/18/2020	10/2020	Lawson Reif 760-914-1933 lawson.reif@usda.gov
	Description: Verizon Wireless is seeking to improve communications service in the area near Hwy 203, (Minaret Rd) area near Canyon Lodge				
	Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 9001 Minaret Rd, Mammoth Lakes.				
Vista Towers, multi-carrier facility at Little Antelope Communication Site CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sirons@fs.fed.us
	Description: Placement of multi-carrier building and tower at the Little Antelope Communications Site				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47317				
Woolly's Adventure Summit Summer Uses Project and Mammoth Mountain Snowmaking Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/15/2020	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	Janelle Walker 760-924-5523 janellewalker@fs.fed.us
	Description: MMSA proposes to expand year-round activities at the existing 55-acre Woolly's Adventure Summit tube park, located inside of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area INF permit area along State Route 203, and improve the snowmaking system throughout the MMSA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54453				
Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located inside of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area INF permit area.					

Inyo National Forest Mono Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R5 - Pacific Southwest Region
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Inyo National Forest Mono Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Caltrans Gaz-Ex permit renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 siron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special Use Permit reissuance to the California Department of Transportation for avalanche control systems located in the June Lake and Lee Vining areas. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52614				
	Location: UNIT - Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mt. Downs, above south June Lake Junction, and Lee Vining Hill, north of Lee Vining.				
Driveway permit to private residence located in the Peterson Tract, June Lake Area CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 siron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a special use authorization for driveway for private residence Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47810				
	Location: UNIT - Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. June Lake Loop, between Highway 158 and private property located in Peterson Tract.				
Lee Vining spring water diversion and water pipeline permit reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/21/2020	10/2020	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 siron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permit reissuance for water transmission pipeline and a spring diversion works to Lee Vining PUD, in Lee Vining Canyon. The water supply is about 5,357 feet long, and is underground. Eight foot right-of-way. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55021				
	Location: UNIT - Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - T1N, R26E, Sec. 17 & 19, and T1N, R25E, Sec 24. Lee Vining Canyon.				

Inyo National Forest Mount Whitney Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R5 - Pacific Southwest Region
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Inyo National Forest	Mount Whitney Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Kern Plateau Grazing Allotments Analysis EIS	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Margaret Wood 760-873-2515 mwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: Review and analysis of the Monache, Mulkey, Templeton and Whitney grazing allotments in the Golden Trout Wilderness on the Mt Whitney Ranger District				
	Web Link: http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=34380				
Location: UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Tulare. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Templeton/Whitney Grazing Allotments in the Golden Trout Wilderness.					
Lone Pine Tribe installation of a water tank and water lines CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Indian Health Services on behalf of the Lone Pine Tribe has proposed the installation of a water tank and water lines in the Indian Cemetery vicinity, west of Lone Pine. Project travels from Tribal lands, thru LADWP lands to USFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lone Pine, CA on USFS lands west of HWY 395.				
MCS Old 49er Mine Exploration and Production Plan of Operations EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Colleen Garcia 760-873-2424 colleengarcia@fs.fed.us
	Description: MCS Old 49er Mine Exploration and Production Plan of Operation located in Mazourka Canyon within the Inyo National Forest				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50746				
Location: UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - CAMC 31348 Township 12S A Range 36 East Section 31 SW. Lode Mine tunnel and adjacent cabin at CAMC 31348 Township 12S A Range 36 East Section 31 SW.					

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Thacher School Term Permit Reissuance for Golden Trout Wilderness School	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2019	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Jacqueline Beidl (509) 653-1432 jbeidl@fs.fed.us
CE *UPDATED*	<p>Description: Reissuance of a ten year term permit to The Thacher School for operation and maintenance of Golden Trout Wilderness School in the Golden Trout Wilderness.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52420</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - T16.5S R35E Section 33 and T17S R35E Section 3 as shown on the Cirque Peak, California 7.5 minute USGS Topographic Map. UTM Zone 11, 394616mE, 4038284mN. . On Cottonwood Creek in the Golden Trout Wilderness at a location just south of the John Muir Wilderness. The camp is roughly 2.5 miles north of the Horseshoe Meadow Trailhead.</p>				

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Inyo National Forest White Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Birchim Community Services District water tank and pipeline permit reissuance	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
CE	<p>Description: reissue a permit to the Birchim Community Services District for operation and maintenance of two water tanks, and approximately 500 feet of water line, for water tapped from a system located on private property. Serves the community of Sunny Slopes.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55020</p> <p>Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - T4S, R30E, Sections 28 and 29. Near the community of Sunny Slopes, in the vicinity of Tom's Place, California, northeast of highway 395.</p>				
LADWP Long Valley Pole Removal and Pole Replacement Project	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
CE	<p>Description: LADWP Utility Maintenance Project:1)removal of poles & replacement of poles in one line and 2)removal of poles & rehab in second line, 3)relinquish poles</p> <p>Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. LADWP locations of distribution line maintenance work is on a combination of LADWP and INF lands, starting at the Upper Gorge power plant down to the Long Valley Dam, on the White Mtn. Ranger District.</p>				

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Southern California Edison Control-Silver Peak 55kV Reliability Project CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 siron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of remote fault indicators, packet routers, and installation of remote switches along with poles replacements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54262				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Silver Canyon, east of Bishop, CA.					
Starlite water tank and pipeline permit reissuance CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue a 20 year permit for an existing 50,000 gallon water storage reservoir and pipeline, used by the community of Starlite.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55023				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - T7S, R31E, Sections 23 and 27. Directly south of the community of Starlite, which is east of Bishop, California.					
Univ. of Nevada, Reno research study "Common Grounds" on the White Mtn. Ranger District. CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/24/2019	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: This study addresses a significant knowledge gap in variation in seedling traits and success in high-elevation conifer forests, which play a critical role in providing water through snowpack stabilization.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56522				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bishop Creek and White Mountains.					
University of CA Riverside "Fungal-plant-pollinator phenology shifts in response to climate change" CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/24/2019	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Goal is to determine how plant & insect pollinator phenology changes along an elevational gradient in an alpine environment, & to examine the cross-generational effects of mycorrhiza and elevation on plant phenotype, in plots within White Mountains.				
	Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. White Mountains on the White Mountain Ranger District.				

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