



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Sierra 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 .					

R5 - Pacific Southwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Sequoia and Sierra National Forests Land Management Plans Revision EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/27/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Fariba Hamedani 707-562-9121 fhamedani@fs.fed.us
Description: The Sequoia and Sierra National Forests propose to revise their land management plans as guided by the 2012 Planning Rule					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=3375					
Location: UNIT - Sequoia National Forest All Units, Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Kern, Kings, Tulare. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Entire Sequoia National Forest outside of the Giant Sequoia National Monument and entire Sierra National Forest.					

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

R5 - Pacific Southwest Region

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Forest-wide Prescribed Fire Project CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/14/2018	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Judith Tapia 559-297-0706 extension 4938 jetapia@fs.fed.us
	Description: We propose to use prescribed fire (underburning and pile burning), up to 10,000 acres per year, to address fuel conditions throughout the Sierra National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53849				
Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera, Mariposa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sierra National Forest lands outside of wilderness.					
Motorized Recreation Project (MRP) EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/26/2020	Expected:02/2021	09/2022	Jody Nickerson (559)297-0706 ext 4943 jnickerson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The SNF has committed to the motorized recreation community to examine routes, not previously analyzed and decided, for potential addition to the FS System of roads, OHV areas, and motorized trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55572				
Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera, Mariposa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sierra National Forest, specific routes across the forest (outside of Wilderness).					
Ponderosa Telephone Redinger Fiber Phase 2 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ponderosa Telephone is proposing to attached fiber optic cable to existing power poles owned by Southern California Edison in the Redinger Lake area, along Italian Bar Road starting in Madera County and ending near Powerhouse 3 in Fresno County.				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Redinger Lake Area.				

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Priority Watershed OHV Route Restoration Project Upper Big Creek and South Fork Willow Creek	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kellen Takenaka 559-297-0706 x4936 ktakenaka@fs.fed.us
CE	Description: The proposed action is to restore 9.55 miles of non-system OHV tracks in the Upper Big Creek Watershed and 3.25 miles of non-system tracks in the South Fork Willow Creek Watershed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48890				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Upper Big Creek and South Form Willow Creeks watersheds.				
Reissue of Four Special Use Permits Terminating 12/31/2020	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2020	Expected:10/2020	12/2020	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
CE	*NEW LISTING*				
	Description: The forest has 4 special use permits that need to be reissued: Fresno County Sheriff Office warehouse and storage yard, David Wasemiller 2 access roads, Northland Cable buried TV cable, Sylvas water system (new owner). Existing uses with no changes.				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 2 uses in the Bass Lake area, and 2 uses in the Auberry area.				
Renewal of SCE and PG&E Non-disturbing Archaeological Survey Permits	- Heritage resource management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
CE	*NEW LISTING*				
	Description: SCE and PG&E conduct non ground disturbing archaeological surveys on Forest Service lands and prepare reports for various projects authorized under special use permit FERC License.				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno, Madera, Mariposa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. SCE and PG&E facilities are located forest-wide.				
Special Use Permit Issuance for Phase 2 of the Ferguson Slide Permanent Restoration Project	- Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Judith Tapia 559-297-0706 jetapia@fs.fed.us
EA	Description: The Forest Service proposes to approve an SUP allowing Caltrans to construct Phase 2 of the Rockshed/Tunnel Alternative (Alternative R in the FEIS) on the Sierra National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47068				
	Location: UNIT - Sierra National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mariposa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. SR 140 from 5.1 kilometers (3.2 miles) east of Briceburg to approximately 9.7 kilometers (6.0 miles) west of El Portal.				

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Sierra National Forest Bass Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Doublegate/Lone Sequoia/Timberloft Prescribed Burns - NEPA Review CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gloria Smith 559-877-2218 ext. 3103 gsmith07@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve forest health and wildlife forage through reduction of existing fuels, suppressed conifers and brush. A NEPA consistency review is needed so that prescribed burning may continue and achieve a "maintenance burn" level through multiple entries.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44590				
Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - T6S, R21E, Sec 2-4,9-16. See #15.					
FY 19 Joint Chiefs Fuelbreak Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 09/19/2019	09/2019	Burt Stalter 559-877-2218 bstalter@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to establish, re-establish and maintain 1173 acres of historically used fuel breaks with some originating as firelines from recent wildfires - within the wildland urban interface threat and defense zones on Forest Service land				
	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - See attached project maps. Proposed project treatment areas are located along major ridgelines and favorable terrain locations in Eastern Madera County for safe operational utilization by fire management agencies.				
Kerlan Water Tank Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/02/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mr. Jason Kerlan bought a private parcel with an associated water tank located on National Forest lands. The tank has never had a special use permit and Mr. Kerlan applied for one. A 10 year authorization will be issued.				
	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Adjacent to (northeast of) a private 40 acre parcel near the intersection of Roads 223 and 426; Hidden Meadow Road.				

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Sierra National Forest Bass Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Miami Fuels Reduction CE	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Mark Smith 559-877-2218 x-3280 mssmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fuels reduction in the Miami Creek motorcycle recreation area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40728				
Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera, Mariposa. LEGAL - T5S, R21E, Sections 26,34 and 35. T6S, R21E, Sections 2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,22 and 23. Miami Mountain Motorcycle recreation area.					
PG&E Exchequer-Yosemite 70kV Reliability Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2020	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
	Description: PG&E is proposing to enhance electric reliability on the Exchequer-Yosemite 70kV transmission line by replacement of 27 lattice-steel structures, in-line replacement of 2 interset lattice-steel structures, and the replacement of the conductor.				
	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mariposa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Merced River Canyon.				
Ponderosa Telephone at Minarets Work Center CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
	Description: During the winter, Ponderosa has experienced enough days of low light due to storms for that site to go offline and cease to provide 911 access for residents that stay in the area year round. They proposing to add a backup power source for the radio.				
	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service Minarets Work Center, approximately 40 miles out of North Fork on 4S81.				

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Railroad Restoration Project CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	David Austin 909-382-2733 daaustin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of roadside hazard trees, recover the economic value of fire-killed/ fire-damaged trees (collectively hereafter, fire-affected), and re-establish forested conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53028				
Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera, Mariposa. LEGAL - The legal description includes all or portions of: Township 6 South, Range 24 East; T7S, R24E; T8S, R24E; T6S, R25E; and T7S, R25E ; Mount Diablo Base Meridian. approximately 4 miles north of Big Creek, California, and south of Mammoth Pool Reservoir within the HSRD of the SNF.					
USFS North Fork District Office Aerial Fiber Cable Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/17/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Telecommunications at the USFS North Fork District Office have been deteriorating. To provide reliable ethernet service, the existing copper cable will be replaced with fiber optic cable.				
	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of North Fork, Madera County, California.				
Verizon Wireless and AT&T Goat Mountain Communications Site Leases CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/29/2020	09/2020	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Verizon Wireless and AT&T lease space on a tower owned by Ponderosa Telephone at the Goat Mountain Communications Site. Both entities own outdoor cabinets and facilities that require separate leases as per USFS communications site directives.				
	Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Goat Mountain Communications Site.				

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Yosemite Forks Estates Mutual Water Company Special Use Permit Renewal	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Alan Gallegos 559-297-0706 x 4862 ajgallegos@fs.fed.us
CE	Description: Reissue a Special Use Permit for a residential water supply line (12" or less pipeline), for less than 1 mile across National Forest System lands on the Bass Lake Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=35375 Location: UNIT - Bass Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Madera. LEGAL - T 6 S, R 21 E Section 24 MDM. Bass Lake Ranger District, near Cedar Valley private land.				

Sierra National Forest High Sierra Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
China Peak Snow-Making Project	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elainenlocke@fs.fed.us
CE *UPDATED*	Description: China Peak proposes to install snowmaking pipeline (12 inch) in place of existing pipeline. Existing pipeline will stay in place and used to attach new pipeline to. Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. China Peak Ski Resort off Highway 168, High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra National Forest.				
Deer Creek Tract Permit Reissue with changes to Improvements	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Tiffany Begaye 559-855-5355 trbegaye@fs.fed.us
CE *UPDATED*	Description: Reissue Deer Creek Tract Water System Permit and make changes to the authorized improvements to meet state water quality requirements and ensure the cabins have access to clean, safe water. Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Deer Creek Tract, Huntington Lake.				

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Fresno County Reconstruction of Forest Service Road 10S01 EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2021	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
	Description: The extension of 10S01 to Dinkey Creek Road will provide an additional access route into and out of the Bretz Mountain Village Specific Plan area and would provide an emergency evacuation route should the Bretz Road link to HWY 168 be endangered.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near Swanson Meadow, south of Dinkey Creek Road to the Bretz development on private lands.				
Gold Arrow Camp Improvements Project EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/18/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020	Expected:12/2020	03/2021	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elainenlocke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Gold Arrow Camp proposes new construction, relocation, or replacement of structures, housing facilities, roads, bridges, trails and recreation program features (giant swing, slides, nature pavilion) within existing Gold Arrow and Mirimichi camps.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Gold Arrow Camp at Huntington Lake, off Highway 168, High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra National Forest.				
Gold Arrow Camp Well and Water Tank Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2018	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elainenlocke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Gold Arrow Camp proposing to drill a water well and install water tank and waterlines within the permitted area.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Gold Arrow Camp, west end near Mirimichi portion. Huntington Lake, Fresno County, CA.				
Issuance of New Private Camp Special Use Permit - Kennolyn Lake Camp CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2018	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elainenlocke@fs.fed.us
	Description: The area authorized to De La Salle Institute, Camp La Salle, sold to Kennolyn Lake Camp. Use code change from 113, Organization Camp, to 115, Private Camp. No changes in scope to existing facilities or services currently offered or capacity of site.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Township 8 South, Range 25 East, Section 12, Mt. Diablo Meridian. Huntington Lake near Lakeshore, CA, approximately 75 miles northeast of Fresno, CA. Permit area includes camp and boat dock area.				

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Kirch Flat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/20/2020	10/2020	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elainenlocke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rehabilitate/replace existing facilities/amenities at Kirch Flat Campground and Group Site including tables, fire rings, barriers, fence, signage, restrooms, tent areas and roads.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Kirch Flat Campground on upper Kings River off Trimmer Springs Road, High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra National Forest.				
Musick Fuels Reduction and Landscape Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 07/07/2020	08/2020	Kim Sorini 559-855-5355 ext.3328 ksorini@fs.fed.us
	Description: In response to the tree mortality, this project proposes activities within the communities to create areas of reduced fuels along roads and ridges. Proposes to increase the resilience of surviving conifer forests through thinning and Rx fire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54611				
New Well at Eastwood Visitor Information Site CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/20/2019	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elainenlocke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Well test and installation of new well at Eastwood VIS.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located at Eastwood Visitor Information Site at Huntington Lake, CA at the junction of Highway 168 and Kaiser Pass Road.				

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Ponderosa Telephone Dinkey to Wishon Fiber Installation EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/11/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2021	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
	Description: To enhance reliability of telecommunications in the Wishon area.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project starts at an existing hut on Dinkey Creek Road, runs through the Old Dinkey Mill area, then runs adjacent to McKinley Grove Road out to Wishon.				
Rainbow Garnet AML Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/04/2019	Expected:10/2020	09/2021	Kellen Takenaka 559-297-0706 x4936 kellen.takenaka@usda.gov
	Description: Removal of four structures, closure of an open inclined shaft, re-contouring/restoration of two tailings ponds, and removal of mining debris throughout the mine site.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Township 9 South, Range 26 East, Sections 13 & 14. The abandoned mine site is located 0.5 miles to the east-southeast of the Dinkey Lakes Trailhead approximately 0.2 miles from the wilderness boundary.				
SCE Siphon Circuit Upgrade CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2018	Expected:10/2020	05/2021	Annette Lambert 559-855-5355 x3338 alambert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Underground 3 mile section of the Siphon 4kv circuit; remove tree attachments, old cable which is not accessible, and relocate adjacent to Hwy 168. Will upgrade to 12kv cable and equipment. Will eliminate costly repairs during the winter months.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48160				
Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Adjacent to HWY 168 between Tamarack Subdivision and China Peak Resort.					
Sample Meadow Campground CXT Restroom Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/20/2019	Expected:12/2020	05/2021	Elaine Locke 559-855-5355 x3306 elainenlocke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Two CXT restroom buildings (each 72sqft) to be relocated from Eastwood VIS to Sample Meadow Campground in same footprint of old pit toilet locations. Cement vaults (appr. 700-1000gal)will be installed in ground.				
	Location: UNIT - High Sierra Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Fresno. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sample Meadow Campground on High Sierra Ranger District on FS Road 7S05.				

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