



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Deschutes National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</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 will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.					

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

R6 - Pacific Northwest Region

Camping and Campfires Forest Order EA <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/11/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Sasha Fertig 541-383-5563 sasha.fertig@usda.gov
Description: Proposal to issue a forest order prohibiting camping and/or campfires in areas where these activities are causing adverse impacts to forest resources on the Deschutes National Forest.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57437					
Location: UNIT - Deschutes National Forest All Units. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Deschutes National Forest.					

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Cave Resource Protection Forest Order EA *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Sasha Fertig 541-383-5563 sasha.fertig@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal to issue a forest order prohibiting activities which are causing adverse impacts to cave resources.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57443				
Location: UNIT - Deschutes National Forest All Units. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Deschutes National Forest.					
Visual Analysis Forest Plan Amendments CE *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/31/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Sasha Fertig 541-383-5563 sasha.fertig@usda.gov
	Description: Amendments to allow landscape architects, recreation specialists, or NEPA specialists to review projects within MA9 Scenic Views, MA18 Front Country, MA21 Metolius Black Butte Scenic, and MA26 Metolius Scenic Views.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57249				
Location: UNIT - Deschutes National Forest All Units. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Deschutes National Forest.					

Deschutes National Forest Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Bend Lava Lands Paved Path EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2020	Expected:09/2021	02/2022	Cristina Peterson 541-383-4028 cristina.peterson@usda.gov
	Description: Construct a non-motorized paved path that would provide connections to recreation sites south of Bend, OR. The entire length of the path would be from Baker Road to Lava Lands Visitor Center.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57665				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed location for the path would parallel Highway 97 on the west side from the Forest Service Boundary to Lava Lands Visitor Center.					

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Cabin Butte Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2020	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Lauren DuRocher 541-383-4721 lauren.durocher@usda.gov
	Description: Project area is about 25,780 acres. A mix of thinning, primarily ponderosa pine, and fuels reduction for the purpose of restoring stand structure and composition, resilience through increased vigor and fire hazard reduction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56998				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Bend, along the Deschutes National Forest Boundary.					
East Fort Rock OHV Trailhead Connections EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/22/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Lauren DuRocher 541-383-4721 lauren.durocher@usda.gov
	Description: The project would change the road designation for about 65 miles of road from "highway legal vehicles only" to "open to all vehicles," allowing for Class IV OHVs to legally connect from designated staging areas to the mixed motorized road network.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57491				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes, Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East Fort Rock OHV area, southeast of Bend, Oregon.					
Elk Lake J5 Cabin Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/20/2020	Expected:03/2020	03/2020	Richard Wessler 541-383-4792 richard.wessler@usda.gov
	Description: The owners of the cabin on Elk Lake lot J5 submitted a request to restore the building, include pouring a concrete foundation, replacing rotting logs, and bringing the cabin back to square. No additions were requested, the footprint would not change.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57686				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This cabin is on the north shore of Elk Lake which is about 32 miles east of Bend, OR.					

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Deschutes National Forest Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Gas Station Quarry Expansion EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/10/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Alicia Underhill 541-383-4012 alicia.underhill@usda.gov
	Description: To authorize ODOT to expand the existing Gas Station Quarry by ~17 ac to provide a long term aggregate source for current and future needs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57225				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located north of La Pine off of Highway 97. Legal location for this project is Township 20 South, Range 11 East, Sections 21 and 28, Willamette Meridian in Deschutes County Oregon.					
Klone Vegetation Management Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2020	Expected:01/2022	03/2022	Cristina Peterson 541-383-4028 cristina.peterson@usda.gov
	Description: The Klone project area is 34,636 acres. The purpose of the project is to improve forest resilience against uncharacteristically large disturbance events such as wildfire, insects, and disease through treatments such thinning and fuels reduction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57735				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Bend, OR and east of Sunriver, OR. The western boundary is the Forest Service boundary with private land. Forest Road 9720 is the northern boundary, Forest Road 9735 is the southern boundary.					
La Pine Water System Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/08/2020	01/2020	Heather Mobley 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
	Description: The City of La Pine requested to renew their permit which authorizes them to operate and maintain infrastructure for their water system on Forest Service lands. The only changes to the permit would be administrative.				
	Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of La Pine, Oregon in the area of Finley Butte Road (Forest Road 22).				

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Deschutes National Forest	Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Mt. Bachelor Bike Park Trail Segments CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2019	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Richard Wesseler 541-383-4792 rwesseler@fs.fed.us
Description: Mt. Bachelor proposes to convert a section of service road to a hiking trail and add several segments to their current bike trail network. These segments would improve connections between existing trails and provide options for various skill levels.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56704					
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mt. Bachelor is located about 20 miles southwest of Bend, OR.					
Paulina Creek Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 01/24/2020	06/2020	Lauren DuRocher 541-383-4721 lauren.durocher@usda.gov
Description: The project proposes to restore the hydrologic function of a section of Paulina Creek. A small section of a built steam berm would be removed and the stream channel restored to its natural location.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57131					
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Paulina Creek near Ogden Group Campground/Peter Skene Trailhead.					
Skyliner Lodge Permit Reissuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/20/2020	Expected:03/2020	03/2020	Richard Wesseler 541-383-4792 richard.wesseler@usda.gov
Description: The High Desert Education Services District has maintained the Lodge under a special use permit which is expiring. They have requested to renew the permit for another 10 year term with no changes.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57687					
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Skyliner Lodge is located at the end of Skyliner Road east of Bend, OR.					

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Deschutes National Forest		Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
Surveyors Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/09/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Joseph Bowles 541-433-3209 jkbowles@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: This project includes a suite of activities to restore forest resiliency and provide for long-term public safety, including silviculture, fuels, and transportation activities.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56573</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The approximately 30,000 acre planning area is located approximately 25 miles south of Bend, Oregon and five miles east of La Pine, Oregon.</p>					
Twin Restoration Project EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/08/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Alicia Underhill 541-383-4012 alicia.underhill@usda.gov
<p>Description: The Twin project area is evaluating opportunities for landscape forest management, fuels reduction, habitat improvement and recreation management.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50983</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West and southwest of Bend, OR encompasses the area surrounding the Wickiup and Crane Prairie Reservoirs, North and South Twin Lakes, and Browns Mountain and Round Mountain Late Successional Reserves.</p>					

Deschutes National Forest	Crescent Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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Deschutes National Forest	Crescent Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
BendBroadband Fiber Optic Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Hannah Smith 541-575-3031 hannahsmith@fs.fed.us
Description: The Deschutes National Forest is proposing to issue a special use permit to TDS BendBroadband. Fiber line would be installed in the Hwy 97 ROW for 11.5 miles of National Forest Land between Chemult and Crescent, OR to expand fiber optic service.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57032					
Location: UNIT - Crescent Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Klamath. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The permit application covers a 11.5 linear mile segment along the Hwy 97 ROW within the Deschutes and Fremont-Winema National Forests in Klamath County, between Chemult and Crescent, OR.					

Deschutes National Forest	Sisters Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) Powerline Right-of-Way Maintenance Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/27/2020	05/2020	Heather Jackson 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
Description: CEC would remove up to 500 trees that impede safe and efficient management of a 20 foot wide electrical ROW; replace 131 utility poles; and allow mowing of brush to provide long-term maintenance of the ROW. Felled trees may be sold as forest products					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57485					
Location: UNIT - Sisters Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the area of Camp Sherman, Oregon.					
Green Ridge Landscape Restoration EA	- Forest products - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:07/2020	10/2020	Michael Keown 541-549-7735 mkeown@fs.fed.us
Description: The project would maintain and restore forest conditions closer to the historic range of variability and contribute to the restoration of ecosystem process and function in the planning area. Timber products are an outcome of restoration activities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48454					
Location: UNIT - Sisters Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located about 13 air miles north of Sisters, Oregon.					

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Deschutes National Forest Sisters Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Washington Wilderness Trails Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jason Fisher 541-480-6423 jfisher@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project would decommission 16 miles of trails and change the Trail Class on 16 miles of trails in the Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Washington Wilderness areas. This action is needed to maintain the Wilderness Resource Spectrum.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49316				
Location: UNIT - Sisters Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located about 12 miles west and northwest of the city of Sisters, Oregon.					
Peterson Ridge Connector Trails Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/26/2020	04/2020	Amy Racki 541-549-7730 aracki@fs.fed.us
	Description: About 1.08 miles of new trail construction would be added to the Peterson Ridge Trail system located near Sisters, Oregon. Three new trails would be constructed to provide trail loop opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55708				
Location: UNIT - Sisters Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located just south of Sisters, Oregon, primarily along Forest Road 16 (Three Creeks Lake road).					

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