



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Deschutes 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 .					

R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Forest Management Direction for Large Diameter Trees in Eastern Oregon EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/11/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Emily Platt 503-808-2970 SM.FS.EScreens21@usda.gov
Description: The USFS will evaluate alternatives to the wildlife standard of the Eastside Screens that limits harvest of trees greater than 21 inches for the Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, Malheur, Ochoco, Deschutes, and Fremont-Winema National Forests.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58050					
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, Crescent Ranger District, Sisters Ranger District, Bly Ranger District, Lakeview Ranger District, Paisley Ranger District, Malheur National Forest All Units, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest All Units, Silver Lake Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest All Units, Umatilla National Forest All Units, Chiloquin Ranger District. STATE - Oregon, Washington. COUNTY - Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla, Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests in Oregon, east of the Cascade Mountain Range.					

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R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Pine Telephone Fiber Optic Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Heidi Scott 541-416-6632 hscott02@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project would reissue a special use permit to Pine telephone for the operation and maintenance of 6.25 miles of fiber optic cable on the Crooked River National Grassland and Deschutes National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58325				
Location: UNIT - Crooked River Natl Grassland. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes, Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fiber optics are located north of the town of Sisters to the Three Rivers Subdivision.					

Deschutes National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Camping and Campfires Forest Order EA *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/03/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	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.					
Cave Resource Protection Forest Order EA *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/23/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	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.					

Deschutes National Forest	Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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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	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/03/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2021	Expected:10/2021	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.					
Cabin Butte Vegetation Management Project EA	- 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.					
Dilman Meadow Pond Maintenance CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2020	11/2020	Lauren DuRocher 541-383-4721 lauren.durocher@usda.gov
	Description: The project would maintain the open water ponds within Dilman meadow as Oregon spotted frog habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58339				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Below Wicki-up reservoir.					

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Deschutes National Forest Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
East Fort Rock OHV Trailhead Connections EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/10/2020	09/2020	Richard Wesseler 541-383-4792 richard.wesseler@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.					
Gas Station Quarry Expansion EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 06/29/2020	09/2020	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.					

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Deschutes National Forest Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Klone Vegetation Management Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2021	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 as 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.					
Lex Unauthorized Route Decommissioning CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/12/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Lauren DuRocher 541-383-4721 lauren.durocher@usda.gov
	Description: An unauthorized trail system has been located within the area overlapping with the Lex Vegetation Management Project. This project proposes to obliterate the entire length of these user-created trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58655				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 10 miles southwest of Bend, along the Cascade Lakes Highway and to the south along Forest Service Road 45.					
Midstate Newberry Estates Line Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2020	Expected:10/2020	04/2021	Heather Jackson 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
	Description: Midstate Electric Cooperative(MEC) requested authorization to install and maintain an underground power line approximately 715 ft. long to connect their transmission line to Newberry Estates.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58207				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project would be east of La Pine, 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			
Mt. Bachelor Bike Park Trail Segments CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special use management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2019	Expected:10/2020	05/2021	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.					
Mt. Bachelor Trail Additions and Improvements CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special use management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/03/2020	Expected:11/2020	06/2021	Richard Wesseler 541-383-4792 rwesseler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mt. Bachelor proposes to add 5.5 miles of trail open to hiking and biking, 300 ft. of snow cat trail for grooming access, and 2 new snowmaking guns, one in the halfpipe and one in the slopestyle park.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58768				
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.					
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: Comment Period Public Notice 09/11/2020	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Joseph Bowles 541-433-3209 jkbowles@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56573				
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.					

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Deschutes National Forest Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Twin Restoration Project EIS *UPDATED*	- 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 01/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Alicia Underhill 541-383-4012 alicia.underhill@usda.gov
	Description: The Twin project area is evaluating opportunities for landscape forest management, fuels reduction, habitat improvement and recreation management.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50983				
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.					
US 97 South Century Drive - USFS Boundary CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 07/10/2020	09/2020	Alicia Underhill 541-383-4012 alicia.underhill@usda.gov
	Description: To improve safety and mobility ODOT will expand US97 to create a four-lane divided highway. The new highway will tie into approximately 15 miles of recently constructed widening improvements on US 97 to the north, making the highway safer for users.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58305				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The US97: S. Century Drive to USFS Boundary project is located south of Bend Oregon from the Sunriver interchange to the Forest Service Boundary six miles to the south.					
USGS Petrologic Study Permit Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Heather Jackson 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
	Description: USGS has requested to study lava flows in Newberry National Volcanic Monument to better understand how the flows formed and the plumbing for eruptions in the Northwest Rift Zone. The study would require drilling 1 inch cores and taking rock samples.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58301				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sites are within Newberry National Volcanic Monument, south of Bend, OR and east of La Pine, OR.					

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Zayo Fiber Optic Cable Installation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/14/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Cristina Peterson 541-383-4020 cristinarpeterson@fs.fed.us
Description: Zayo proposes to install 32 miles of fiber cable along Hwy 97 within the existing ODOT Right of Way. And additional 1.5 miles would cross the Fremont-Winema NF. This is part of a larger project to install broadband from Prineville, OR to Reno, NV.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58574					
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project follow Hwy 97 within the ODOT Right of Way, from the Forest Service boundary South of Bend, OR to Hwy 31 just outside of La Pine, OR. It then follows Hwy 31 to the Forest Service Boundary.					

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Deschutes National Forest	Crescent Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
2020 Boy Scouts of America Camp Makualla Improvement Projects CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/20/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Meria Page 541-433-3230 mpage01@fs.fed.us
Description: At BSA Camp Makualla there is a need to repair or replace wood shingle roofs with metal, replace tent platforms and remove a deteriorated climbing wall					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58068					
Location: UNIT - Crescent Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Klamath. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Camp Makualla and Crescent Lake are found on the eastern slope of the Cascade Mountains, in the northwest corner of Klamath County, Oregon. Township 24S, Range 6E, Sections 26, 27 Willamette Meridian.					
2020 Crescent Lake Recreation Residence projects CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special area management	Completed	Actual: 09/02/2020	09/2020	Meria Page 541-433-3230 mpage01@fs.fed.us
Description: Seven permittees have submitted proposals to alter or repair their privately owned structures					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58518					
Location: UNIT - Crescent Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Klamath. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Crescent Lake, Klamath County, OR.; T24S, R06E, S14, 15, 16, and 21 Willamette Meridian.					

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Deschutes National Forest Crescent Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
2020 Midstate Electric Halfway House Power Pole Replacement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/02/2020	09/2020	Meria Page 541-433-3230 mpage01@fs.fed.us
	Description: To replace 13 older deteriorating power poles that are located along USFS 5825-801 road off of the west side of Highway 58. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58543				
	Location: UNIT - Crescent Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Klamath. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Klamath County, OR with a legal description of T25S, R8E, Sections 30 and 31; Willamette Meridian.				
2020 Odell Lake Recreation Residences projects CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special area management	Completed	Actual: 09/02/2020	09/2020	Meria Page 541-433-3230 mpage01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Five permittees have submitted proposals to alter or repair their privately owned structures Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58519				
	Location: UNIT - Crescent Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Klamath. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Odell lake, Klamath County, OR.; T23S, R06E, S7, 8, and 18, Willamette Meridian.				

Deschutes National Forest Sisters Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Greater Suttle Lake Vegetation Management Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 09/06/2019	11/2019	William Brendecke 541-549-7712 wbrendecke@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project would provide public health and safety; protect and maintain infrastructure; ensure safe public occupancy of developed recreation areas; and reduce impacts of tree diseases to forests in the greater Suttle Lake area. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55625				
	Location: UNIT - Sisters Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located in the vicinity of Suttle Lake and is accessed by Highway 20 and Forest Roads 2066 and 2070.				

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Green Ridge Fire Danger Tree Abatement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:10/2020	12/2020	Haley Anderson 541-891-1383 haley.anderson@usda.gov
	Description: The project would abate (fell) fire killed danger trees along 3.40 miles of Forest Service roads in the 2020 Green Ridge fire area. Felled trees may be sold as forest products.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58872				
Location: UNIT - Sisters Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located about 12 air miles north of Sisters, Oregon.					
Green Ridge Landscape Restoration EA	- Forest products - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020	Expected:01/2021	05/2021	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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