



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

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)

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R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Forest Management Direction for Large Diameter Trees in Eastern Oregon EA	- 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.					
Pine Telephone Fiber Optic Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	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:02/2021	02/2021	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 *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 11/10/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	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.					

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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 *UPDATED*	- 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 *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 04/2021	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.				

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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	- 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-Devils Trail Adjustment/Reroute CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/11/2020	Expected:01/2021	06/2021	Chelsea Fields 541-383-4012 chelsea.fields@usda.gov
	Description: The project would reroute and adjust .1 mile of the Elk-Devil Trail to come out of a gully. The new trail would be within 100 feet of the existing trail and would be the approximately the same length as the current trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59245				
Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project would occur approximately 1 mile from the Elk-Devil Trail trailhead.					
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 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.					

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Deschutes National Forest	Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Lex Unauthorized Route Decommissioning CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 11/13/2020	04/2021	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	- 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.					
Mt. Bachelor Bike Park Trail Segments CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/18/2020	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.					

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Mt. Bachelor Trail Additions and Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/19/2020	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.				
Oregon Army National Guard Training Flights Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/10/2020	12/2020	Alicia Underhill 541-383-4012 aunderhill@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposes to issue a special use permit to the Oregon Army National Guard for high altitude helicopter training.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58979				
	Location: UNIT - Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Deschutes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Locations includes: eight locations on Pine Mountain, two locations on Lockit Butte Quarry, two locations on Kwoh Butte, Mt Bachelor Summit and Tumalo Mtn Summit.				
Surveyors Project EA *UPDATED*	- 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	Sasha Fertig 541-383-5563 sasha.fertig@usda.gov
	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 05/2021	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.					
Zayo Fiber Optic Cable Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/14/2020	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	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.					

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	
2020 Boy Scouts of America Camp Makualla Improvement Projects CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 10/02/2020	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.					

Deschutes National Forest	Sisters Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Green Ridge Fire Danger Tree Abatement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/29/2020	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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