



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Ochoco 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
<p>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</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</p>					
<p>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.</p>					

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.					

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Apple Inc. Hydroelectric Retrofit Temporary Construction Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/14/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Heidi Scott 541-416-6632 hscott02@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project would authorize a temporary special use permit for construction of additional structures at the Apple Hydroelectric facility.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56611				
Location: UNIT - Crooked River Natl Grassland. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Monroe Lane east off of highway 97 near Juniper Butte.					

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Bend Broadband Fiber Optics Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/26/2019	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	Heather Jackson 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would issue a special use permit to Bend Broadbend for the operation and maintenance of existing fiber optics. Bend Broadbend purchased the fiber optics from California Oregon Broadcasting DBA Crestview Cable Communications.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57158				
Location: UNIT - Crooked River Natl Grassland. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook, Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 26.					
Dodson Well Pipeline CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 11/05/2020	11/2020	Tory Kurtz 541-416-6407 tkurtz@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Dodson Well Pipeline project would trench and bury 1.5 miles of pipeline to transport water from Dodson Well to a holding tank in the North Grizzly pasture of the Grizzly allotment.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58326				
Location: UNIT - Crooked River Natl Grassland. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Grizzly allotment on the Crooked River National Grassland.					
Elk Drive Pacific Power Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/17/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	Heather Jackson 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would install four power poles and approximately 1,300 feet of power lines to provide power to a private residence adjacent to the CRNG.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58324				
Location: UNIT - Crooked River Natl Grassland. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 750 SW Elk Drive, Madras, Oregon.					

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Skull Hollow Trailhead Day Use Designation EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Kent Koeller 541-416-6482 kkoeller@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Crooked River National Grassland is proposing to designate the Skull Hollow Trailhead as a day-use site, prohibiting overnight camping.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59134				
Location: UNIT - Crooked River Natl Grassland. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Skull Hollow Trailhead is on the Crooked River National Grassland, at the junction of Lone Pine road and PU 5710 road across from the Skull Hollow Campground.					
Zayo Group, LLC Grizzly Substation Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/26/2019	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	Heather Jackson 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would issue Zayo Group LLC a special use permit authorizing operation and maintenance of a section of the Grizzly Substation. Zayo purchased this from Electric Lightwave.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57024				
Location: UNIT - Crooked River Natl Grassland. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Jefferson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T. 12 S., R. 14 E., sec. 35 Located between Madras and Prineville off of Hwy 26 to the east on Grizzly Road.					

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Bandit Springs Summer Trails CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 10/08/2020	10/2020	James Beaupre 541-416-6542 james.beaupre@usda.gov
	Description: Project will create summer trails on 6.5 miles of non-motorized winter trail routes. This project will create the tread for summer use including hiking, biking, and horse riding. Plus 5.6 mi. of retread on existing trails and trailhead signs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58064				
Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. At the Bandit Springs Wayside and Trailhead off Highway 26 northeast of Prineville.					

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Deaver Road Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/25/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Heather Jackson 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would issue a special use permit to Blair and Carry Deaver authorizing use of non-system roads to access private property. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58763				
	Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Non-system roads accessing private property from Forest Service Road 33.				
Doug Watson Road Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/25/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Heidi Scott 541-416-6632 hscott02@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project would authorize a special use permit to Doug Watson for use of system and non-system Forest roads to access his private property. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58327				
	Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service Road 3380.				
Dry Creek Equestrian Trails CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 10/08/2020	10/2020	James Beaupre 541-416-6542 james.beaupre@usda.gov
	Description: Create 5 miles of official system equestrian routes out of closed roads in the vicinity of Dry Creek Horse Camp, including signage and trail markers. Trails will be open to all non-motorized use. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58065				
	Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northeast of Prineville and in the vicinity of Dry Creek Horse Camp.				

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Ford/Hershman Road Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/25/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Heather Jackson 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would issue a special use permit to Michel Boileau authorizing use of non-system roads to access private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58764				
Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Private property accessed from FS road 33.					
Frog Fire Roadside Danger Tree Mitigation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 11/02/2020	11/2020	Leighann Wittenberg 541-640-1920 leighann.wittenberg@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest is proposing to provide a safe and accessible road system for public and administrative use by removing imminent and likely danger trees through a commercial timber sale.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58935				
Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Section 36, T. 17S., R. 18E.; Sec. 31, T. 17S., R. 19E.; Sec. 1, 11, 12, T. 18S., R. 18E.; Sec. 5, 6, 7, T. 18S., R. 19E. Maury Mountains, Newsome Creek Watershed.					
Lemon Gulch Mountain Bike Trail Complex CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:09/2021	06/2022	James Beaupre 541-416-6542 james.beaupre@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest is proposing to construct a trail network that would provide a series of primarily downhill routes presenting a variety of riding style and difficulty.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58831				
Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West end of the Ochoco NF, about 20 miles northeast of Prineville, Oregon.					

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Mill Creek Dry Forest Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/23/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2021	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Elysia Retzlaff 541-777-1355 elysia.retzlaff@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would implement vegetation management, fuels reduction, and RHCA restoration activities in the Mill Creek project area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58081				
Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mill Creek watershed.					
Ochoco Wild Horse Herd Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Special area management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 11/17/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Tory Kurtz 541-416-6407 tlkurtz@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest is preparing an updated Wild Horse Herd Mgmt. Plan for wild horse herd on the Big Summit Territory. The Plan will include an appropriate management level and a set of management strategies to achieve AML and maintain the health of the her				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46228				
Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Big Summit Wild Horse Territory, Lookout Mountain Ranger District.					
Walton Lake Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 12/07/2020 12/15/2015	12/2020	Beth Peer 541-383-6463 bpeer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal is to address public safety and forest health in a Developed Recreation Management Area: Sanitation harvest to remove all host species of a root disease and thinning to maintain large ponderosa pine and larch, fuels treatment, planting.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47019				
Location: UNIT - Lookout Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Walton Lake Campground and surrounding area within the designated recreation boundary.					

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Allen Creek Equestrian Trails CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 10/04/2020	10/2020	James Beaupre 541-416-6542 james.beaupre@usda.gov
	Description: This project will create about 20 miles of official system trails using routes that currently exist on open and closed roads and livestock and user-created trails, in the vicinity of Allen Creek Horse Camp.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58063				
Location: UNIT - Paulina Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T 13 and 14 E, R 21 and 22 E. Sections 1, 6, 31, 36, 35, 34, 30, 18, 19, 24, 25, 27, 22, 16. routes are located to the north and east of Allen Creek Horse Camp, northeast side of Big Summit Prairie, on the Paulina Ranger District.					
Bellwether Healthy Forest Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/06/2020	Expected:06/2021	10/2021	Beth Peer 541-416-6463 beth.peer@usda.gov
	Description: Commercial and noncommercial thinning and prescribed burning on approximately 1950 acres of lands designated as insect and disease treatment areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57434				
Location: UNIT - Paulina Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Grant, Wheeler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is on the eastern edge of the Ochoco National Forest, about 20 miles west of Dayville.					
Miller Ranch Road Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/25/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Heather Jackson 541-383-4025 heather.jackson@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would issue a new special use permit to Miller Ranch authorizing the use of Forest Service system roads to access private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58762				
Location: UNIT - Paulina Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Access requested on FS Road 860 and 850.					

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Roba Creek Exclosure Project CE *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/17/2020	Expected:01/2021	04/2021	Robbie Piehl 907-789-6223 robbiepiehl@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project would install a four-strand wire fence to protect riparian areas along Roba Creek from cattle grazing.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58503				
Location: UNIT - Paulina Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Roba Creek.					
Sunflower Cluster Grazing Authorization EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/24/2020	Expected:04/2021	04/2021	Jacob Young 541-416-6409 jcyoung@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project would re-authorize livestock grazing on the Dry Corner, Sunflower, and Wind Creek grazing allotments (Sunflower Cluster)and promote elk and deer distribution on their seasonal ranges.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56602				
Location: UNIT - Paulina Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Crook, Grant, Wheeler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 17 miles northeast of Paulina, Oregon, on the eastern edge of the Ochoco National Forest.					

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