



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

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R8 - Southern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Southern Region Cave and Underground Abandoned Mine Closure CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 06/14/2019	06/2019	Dennis Krusac 404-347-4338 dkrusac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Short-term (up to 2 years) closure order for all caves and abandoned mines in the Southern Region (2 exceptions) to minimize transmission potential of the fungus that continues to cause white nose syndrome in bats that has affected populations.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56195				
Location: UNIT - Cherokee National Forest All Units, National Forests In Florida All Units, Kisatchie National Forest All Units, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest All Units, National Forests In North Carolina All Units, National Forests In Mississippi All Units, Ouachita National Forest All Units, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest All Units, National Forests In Texas All Units, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area All Units, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest Units, Daniel Boone National Forest All Units, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest All Units, National Forests in Alabama All Units, Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia. COUNTY - Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Blount, Bullock, Butler, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Cleburne, Coffee, Colbert, Conecuh. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Region-wide except El Yunque NF and Blanchard Springs Cavern in AR.					

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2019 Cheaha Challenge CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/14/2019	05/2019	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
	Description: Recreational Bicycle Race.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55887				
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District, Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay, Cleburne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service portions of SH 281 from its intersection with Hwy 78 to Adams Gap, Cheaha Road and Lake Chinnabee Road.					

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2019 Skyway Epic Mountain Bike Race CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/03/2019	04/2019	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mountain Bike race utilizing Forest Service Roads and Trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55678				
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District, Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay, Cleburne, Talladega. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lake Howard Bike Trails, old woods roads, Warden Station Multiuse Trails, FSR 540, 500, 555, 549, 548, 531, 533, Hwy 281, 615, 651, 644, 637, 600-2, 600-1, 607, 616, 601, 609.					

National Forests in Alabama	Bankhead Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region			
2019 Bankhead Southern Pine Beetle Mitigation and Restoration Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2018	Expected:01/2019	01/2019	Jason Harris 205-489-5111 jasonjharris@fs.fed.us
	Description: Nearly 3000 acres of at risk pine and mixed pine and hardwood stands will be managed to reduce susceptibility to southern pine beetle or begin process to restore these stands to the appropriate desired future condition.				
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Franklin, Lawrence, Winston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project will include the entire Bankhead National Forest.				
Special Use Permit - Reggie Watts Right-of-way CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Shane Hoskins 205-489-5111 shaneahoskins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use permit for right-of-way to Reggie Watts for driveway and utility installation to private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40043				
Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Winston. LEGAL - Section 23, T10S, R7W. Bankhead National Forest, Horseshoe Bend Area, Houston, Alabama, FS Road 123D1 and unnamed woods road.					

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Blue Spring West EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	Completed	Actual: 04/15/2019	05/2019	Tim Mersmann 334-222-2555 ext. 101 tmersmann@fs.fed.us
Description: Thin stands to increase early successional habitat, mostly located within the Blue Springs WMA, west of Highway 137. The project area is approximately 9,000 acres of National Forest Land.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49198					
Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington, Escambia. LEGAL - T1N, R14E, Sections 1,5,6,12,19,20,24,25,30,31,32,36. T2N, R14E, Sections 7,8,12,13,17,18. The project area is located west of Highway 137, which majority of the project is within the Blue Springs Wildlife Management Area.					
Conecuh Compartment 12 Thinning Project CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	Completed	Actual: 04/10/2019	04/2019	Jaime Hernandez 334-222-2555 x103 jahernandez@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercially thin approximately 70 acres of overstocked pine stands to improve forest health and wildlife habitat and to reduce fuel loading and the risk of SPB infestation.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51442					
Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Escambia. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 12 north of Dixie off of Highway 29.					
Conecuh Compartment 4 Thinning Project CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	Completed	Actual: 04/10/2019	04/2019	Jaime Hernandez 334-222-2555 x103 jahernandez@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercially thin approximately 70 acres of overstocked pine stands to improve forest health and wildlife habitat and to reduce fuel loading and the risk of SPB infestation.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51439					
Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 4 east of County Road 31.					

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Conecuh Compartment 40 Thinning Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 04/10/2019	04/2019	Jaime Hernandez 334-222-2555 x103 jahernandez@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercially thin approximately 70 acres of overstocked pine stands to improve forest health and wildlife habitat and to reduce fuel loading and the risk of SPB infestation.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51460					
Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Escambia. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 40 west of County Road 11 and south of County Road 53.					
Conecuh Compartment 67 Thinning Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 04/10/2019	04/2019	Jaime Hernandez 334-222-2555 x103 jahernandez@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercially thin approximately 70 acres of overstocked pine stands to improve forest health and wildlife habitat and to reduce fuel loading and the risk of SPB infestation.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51464					
Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Escambia. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 67 is southwest of Parker Springs and south of County Road 11.					
Conecuh Gopher Tortoise Relocation Pen CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tim Mersmann 334-222-2555 tmersmann@fs.fed.us
Description: Develop a relocation recipient site on Conecuh National Forest to protect gopher tortoise rescued from sites permitted for development in the state of Alabama.					
Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 30 south of County Road 24.					

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Gopher Tortoise, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, and Bog Habitat Improvement EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2020	DEREK COLBERT 334-222-2555 ext.102 derekcolbert@fs.fed.us
EA	Description: For the benefit of gopher tortoise, red-cockaded woodpecker and sensitive bog plants, improve habitat within tortoise, woodpecker, and bog focal areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55475				
	Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington, Escambia. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide.				
Herman Bass Special Use Permit - short term one year or less	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2019	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	Daks Kennedy 334-222-2555 dbkennedy@fs.fed.us
CE	Description: Special Use Permit for private landowner to use a non-system road to access property for timber harvest operations. This permit will be a short term for one year or less.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55728				
	Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located in Covington County Alabama, Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 15 East.				
Partial Road Closure for Forest Service Road 331E	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2019	Expected:06/2019	08/2019	Daks Kennedy 334-222-2555 dbkennedy@fs.fed.us
CE	Description: The current condition of FSR 331E is not passable due to flooding and the location being in a wet bottomland area. This project is associated with the Reciprocal Special Use Permit with Wayne Bass, which will provide administrative access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55730				
	Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project located in Covington County Alabama - Section 14, Township 1 North, Range 15 East.				
Wayne Bass Special Use Permit - ROW/Easement Reciprocal	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2019	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	Daks Kennedy 334-222-2555 dbkennedy@fs.fed.us
CE	Description: Reciprocal Special Use Permit - ROW/Easement with a private landowner to allow access across national forest land				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55729				
	Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project located in Covington County Alabama - Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 15 East.				

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Wolf Pit Upland Habitat Improvement Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2020	Chantz Birch 334-222-2555 chantzbirch@fs.fed.us
Description: Thin overly dense stands to increase wildlife habitat development, tree growth, forest health and to reduce susceptibility to southern pine beetle. Project area is approximately 6,000 acres.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54789					
Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington, Escambia. LEGAL - Township 1 North, Range 13 East, Section 13-25. Compartments 15, 16, 17, 18 and 39. The project area is located south of U.S. Highway 29 and Escambia County Road 11 and north of Forest Service Road 305.					

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2017 Corax Crotalus Ivory (CCI) EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management 	Completed	Actual: 05/31/2019	06/2019	Jonathan Stober 256-463-2272 jstober@fs.fed.us
Description: To restore and maintain the native longleaf and shortleaf pine ecosystem and provide habitat for native flora and fauna.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52239					
Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations scattered across the Shoal Creek Ranger District.					
2017 Warden Station Chemical Release EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lesley Hodge 256-463-2273 lhodge@fs.fed.us
Description: Vegetation management along Warden Station Multiuse Trails					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52534					
Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Warden Station Multiuse Trails located on the Shoal Creek Ranger District.					

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2018 East End HFRA CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/04/2018	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Jonathan Stober 256-463-2272 jstober@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to increase forest health on approximately 1977 acres of Forest Service Lands.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54626					
Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay, Cleburne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Vicinity of County Rd 61/FS Rd 553 to the FS Rd 548 intersection.					
2019 Rockin Choccolocco 50K and Half Marathon (Recreation Special Use) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/31/2019	06/2019	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
Description: This is a 50K and Half Marathon foot race that will start and end at the Coleman Lake Recreation Area overflow campground.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56118					
Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Start/Finish Point Coleman Lake Campground (T14S R10E S28). Pinhoti Trail from Coleman Lake Trailhead to Highrock Lake and FSR500 (T14S R10E S23).					
2019 Yellowhammer Pioneer Endurance Ride CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 05/15/2019	05/2019	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
Description: Recreational horse riding event from 05/15/2019 to 05/19/2019.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55888					
Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Warden Station Campground and Multi-Use Trails.					

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National Forests in Alabama	Talladega Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
2018 Lake Chinnabee Dredging CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Lesley Hodge 056-463-2272 lhodge@fs.fed.us
Description: Dredging of Lake Chinnabee to improve aquatic habitat.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54297					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lake Chinnabee located on the Talladega Ranger District.					
2019 Cherokee Timber Access to Private Land CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/08/2019	05/2019	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@usda.gov
Description: Reconstruction of an old woods road to allow timber to be hauled from private lands that do not have adequate access.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55831					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Township 19S Range 6E Section 36. Clairmont Springs Area.					
2019 Kentuck Off Highway Vehicle Trail Reroute CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/05/2019	07/2019	Rickey Gooden 256-362-2909 rgooden@fs.fed.us
Description: Relocation of the trail to allow water to shed easily and reduce maintenance costs.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55783					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Talladega. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Kentuck ORV Trail vicinity T17S R8E Sec 24.					
2019 Turnipseed Policy Changes CE *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Lesley Hodge 256-463-2273 lhodge@fs.fed.us
Description: Establishment of Standard Operating Procedures, Rules and Policies at Turnipseed Campground					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56286					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Township 18S Range 8E Section 19. Turnipseed Campground.					

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Clay Slate Easement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/04/2019	04/2019	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
Description: To provide access to private land owner's property across Forest Service lands.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54499					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T18S R7E Sec 2.					
Taylor Mill/Sherman Cliff Environmental Assessment EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/13/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Art Henderson 256-362-2909 arthenderson@fs.fed.us
Description: The Talladega Ranger District is proposing activities in the Sherman Cliffs and Taylor Mill analysis areas to restore and maintain longleaf pine and associated native forest communities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53353					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay, Talladega. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located near Germany and Horn Mountains, generally between National Forest System Road (NFSR) 615 and NFSR 600-1, south of State Highway 77.					

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National Forests in Alabama	Tuskegee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Tuskegee Upland Pine Restoration Project Phase2 EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2018	Expected:12/2018	01/2019	Cameron Seals 334-727-2652 cseals@fs.fed.us
Description: Restoration and improvement of Upland Pine Stands using timber harvest, midstory removal, herbicide application, prescribed fire, and integrated NNIS control.					
Location: UNIT - Tuskegee Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tuskegee Ranger District.					

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