



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

National Forests in Alabama

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
National Forests in Alabama, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
2019 Pinhoti 100 Ultra Marathon Trail Race CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/31/2019	11/2019	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
	Description: 100 mile foot race from Pine Glen Recreation Area to the City of Sylacauga that utilizes portions of USFS Roads and Trails for the course. The race will begin on 11/02/2019 and end on 11/03/2019.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57072				
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District, Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay, Cleburne, Talladega. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pine Glen Recreation Area (Start Point), the Pinhoti Trail, FSR 600-2 and FSR 600-3.					
2019 Supplemental Planting and Prescribed Burning CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/20/2019	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	Scott Layfield 256-362-2909 slayfield@fs.fed.us
	Description: Planting of containerized longleaf pine seedlings on 51 acres in Compartment 232 stands 19, 22 & 35 on the Talladega Ranger District. Use of prescribed fire in Compartment 14 stand 12 on the Shoal Creek Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57207				
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District, Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Calhoun, Talladega. LEGAL - Talladega County T17S R7E Sec 5; Calhoun County T14S R9E Sec 15. Talladega Ranger District Talladega County and Shoal Creek Ranger District Calhoun County.					
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 *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 12/09/2019	12/2019	Jason Harris 205-489-5111 jasonjharris@fs.fed.us
	Description: Nearly 2500 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.				

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National Forests in Alabama	Bankhead Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Bankhead National Forest Special Use Permit for Right-of-Way Alabama Land Sales CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2019	Expected:11/2019	11/2019	Jera Cochran 205-489-5111 jacobcochran@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special Use Permit for Right-of-Way on Forest Service Road 116K in the Black Pond Community. Applicant Alabama Lands Sales applying for ROW permit to widen and improve the existing road to accommodate two-way traffic on about 1500' of road.				
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Winston. LEGAL - Section 8, T12S, R7W, Winston County, AL. Forest Service Road 116K in the Black Pond Community of Winston County, Alabama on the southern portion of 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.				

National Forests in Alabama	Conecuh Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
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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National Forests in Alabama	Conecuh Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
Covington Electric SUP - Powerline Relocation CE CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:03/2020	03/2020	LaToya Soto 334-222-2555 EXT 105 lmsoto@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate existing powerline closer to Covington County Road 4 Rights-of-Way for approximately one mile along the county road to reduce safety issues with powerline maintenance in Compartments 26, 9, and 46.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56890				
Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. County Road 4 and 14.					
Gopher Tortoise, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, and Bog Habitat Improvement EA EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	DEREK COLBERT 334-222-2555 ext.102 derekcolbert@fs.fed.us
	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.					
Road Closure for Forest Service Road 331E CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/01/2019	Expected:02/2020	02/2020	Daks Kennedy 334-222-2555 dbkennedy@fs.fed.us
	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.					

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National Forests in Alabama	Conecuh Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Wayne Bass Special Use Permit - ROW/Easement Reciprocal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/01/2019	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Daks Kennedy 334-222-2555 dbkennedy@fs.fed.us
	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.				
Wolf Pit Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/19/2019	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	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 7000 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.				

National Forests in Alabama	Shoal Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
2017 Warden Station Chemical Release EA	- 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:01/2020	02/2020	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 Shake-n-Brake Gravel Grinder CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/08/2019	10/2019	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
Description: 45 mile mountain bike race utilizing USFS gravel roads on 10/12/2019.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56910					
Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. FSR 540, FSR 500, FSR 548, FSR 531 and Warden Station Campground.					

National Forests in Alabama	Talladega Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
2019 Alabama Power Transmission Line to Private Land West CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/04/2019	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@usda.gov
Description: Long term special use request to install, operate & maintain a underground power distribution line to private property.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56738					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 20S R 5E Sec 16.					

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National Forests in Alabama	Talladega Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
2019 Dog Retrieval Access on Unclassified portion of NFSR 637U CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/21/2019	11/2019	Cameron Seals 256-362-2909 cseals@fs.fed.us
Description: Special Use request to utilize FSR 637U for the retrieval of deer hunting dogs 11/22/2019 to 01/15/2020.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57185					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. FSR 637U.					
2019 Turnipseed Policy Changes CE *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Recreation management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					
Lake Chinnabee Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lesley Hodge 056-463-2272 lhodge@fs.fed.us
Description: Dredging of Lake Chinnabee to improve aquatic habitat along with the relocation of SST and fee tube.					
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.					

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Taylor Mill/Sherman Cliff Environmental Assessment EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 01/2020	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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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