



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

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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 .					

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2019 Supplemental Planting and Prescribed Burning CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 12/17/2019	01/2020	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
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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 Powerline Area Erosion Control CE	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:07/2020	09/2020	Jera Cochran 205-489-5111 jera.cochran@usda.gov
	Description: Implement an erosion control project along the Tennessee Valley Authority transmission line corridor crossings at Forest Service Road 249S and 249V. Rehabilitate and control erosion on user created trails in the transmission line right-of-way.				
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Section 22 of Township 8 South and Range 6 West, in Lawrence County, Alabama. Areas adjacent to Forest Service Roads 249S and 249V near Center Church and Cave Springs Cemetery along the Tennessee Valley Divide in Lawrence County, Alabama.				
Bankhead National Forest Special Use Permit for Right-of-Way Alabama Land Sales CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2019	Expected:11/2019	11/2019	Jera Cochran 205-489-5111 jacobran@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.				
Peoples Telephone Company dba TDS Telecom - Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/16/2020	06/2020	Shane Hoskins 205-489-5111 x113 shane.hoskins@usda.gov
	Description: installation of an underground fiber cable in an existing right-of-way along a portion of Winston County Road 63, Alabama State Highway 33 and Lawrence County Road 9 (Forest Service Road 213).				
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Lawrence, Winston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Winston County Road 63, Alabama State Highway 33 and Lawrence County Road 9 (Forest Service Road 213).				

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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.				
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative Right-of-way Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:10/2020	12/2020	Shane Hoskins 760-873-2441 shaneahoskins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of an overhead fiber optic cable to existing utility power poles in the right-of-way along a portion of Alabama State Highway 195.				
	Location: UNIT - Bankhead Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Winston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of S16 T9S R9W				

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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Covington Electric SUP - Powerline Relocation CE CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					
Nellie Pond Habitat Improvement CE CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	DEREK COLBERT 334-222-2555 ext.102 derekcolbert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mechanical vegetation removal on approximately 15 acres around Nellie pond and removal of brush around burrows on newly acquired land for the benefit of gopher tortoise, indigo snakes, and gopher frogs%u2014and in red-cockaded woodpecker clusters.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57883				
Location: UNIT - Conecuh Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Covington, Escambia. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of Highway 137, south of Forest Service Road (FSR) 332 at the end of FSR 325.					

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Wayne Bass Special Use Permit - ROW/Easement Reciprocal CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/01/2019	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	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	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/03/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	Chantz Birch 334-222-2555 chantzbirch@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	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
2018 East End HFRA CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/04/2018	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jonathan Stober 256-463-2272 jstober@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	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.				

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2020 Access to Private Land Zachos CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@usda.gov
Description: Long term special use request to access private land utilizing an old woods road.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58801					
Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T19S R6E Sec 22.					
2020 Shake n Brake Gravel Grinder CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
Description: Gravel road race utilizing USFS roads.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58891					
Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T14S R10E Sec 27.					
2020 Zayo Group Fiber Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/09/2020	08/2020	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@usda.gov
Description: Installation of underground fiber optic line across approximately 1.58 miles of Forest Service Lands					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57975					
Location: UNIT - Shoal Creek Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne. LEGAL - Township 16S Range 10E Section 7 and Township 16S Range 9E Section 12. Along the US Highway 78 corridor.					

National Forests in Alabama	Talladega Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
2019 Turnipseed Policy Changes CE	- 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.					

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2020 Rebecca Mountain 50 mile Ultra Marathon CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/10/2020	09/2020	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
Description: 50 mile foot race from Porters Gap Trailhead to a location located off Forest.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58766					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Clay, Talladega. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Porters Gap Trailhead (Start Point).					
2020 Skyway Epic Gravel Road Bicycle Race CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/24/2020	09/2020	Gregory Scull 256-463-2273 gregorylscull@fs.fed.us
Description: Recreation Special Use utilizing gravel roads on USFS lands.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58784					
Location: UNIT - Talladega Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Cleburne, Talladega. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Talladega Ranger District.					
Lake Chinnabee Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2019	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	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.					
Taylor Mill/Sherman Cliff Environmental Assessment EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	Completed	Actual: 08/25/2020	09/2020	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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PRIVATE ACCES ON FSR 950 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/27/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Cameron Seals 334-727-2652 cseals@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special Use Permit Renewal for access to private land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58148				
	Location: UNIT - Tuskegee Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 3.				
Tuskegee Upland Pine Restoration Project Phase2 EA *UPDATED*	- 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 07/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53718				
	Location: UNIT - Tuskegee Ranger District. STATE - Alabama. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tuskegee Ranger District.				

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