



**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**  
07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

**Daniel Boone National Forest**

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

<b>Southern Region Cave and Underground Abandoned Mine Closure</b>  CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 06/14/2019	06/2019	Dennis Krusac 404-347-4338 dkrusac@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56195">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56195</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

**Daniel Boone National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)**

**R8 - Southern Region**

<b>Forest Plan Amendment</b>  EA	- Land management planning	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/23/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Carin Vadala 859-745-3151 carinevadala@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Since the Forest Plan was signed in 2004, there have been changes in the science applicable to the management of bat habitat, changes to the number of threatened and endangered species, and additional designations of critical habitats on the Forest.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53386">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53386</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Daniel Boone National Forest All Units. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Bath, Clay, Estill, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Wide across the Daniel Boone National Forest.				

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<b>Daniel Boone National Forest Cumberland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R8 - Southern Region</b>					
<b>Blackwater Landscape Analysis</b> EA  *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/17/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2019	Expected:02/2020	04/2020	Jeffrey Lewis 606-784-6428 jefflewis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Analysis of various projects in the Blackwater watershed in Menifee, Morgan, and Rowan Counties to implement the Forest Plan. These projects were developed from the Blackwater Project Development collaborative effort.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53403">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53403</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cumberland Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Menifee, Morgan, Rowan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System Lands in the Blackwater and Paragon drainages in Menifee, Morgan, and Rowan Counties, Kentucky.					
<b>Open Lands Management on the Cumberland District of the Daniel Boone National Forest</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> </ul>	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/06/2019	Expected:03/2019	03/2019	Christina Wampler 606-784-6428 crwampler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to outline an adaptive management strategy related to the management of early successional habitat, such as grasslands, shrub-lands/shrub thickets, young forest, wildlife openings, cane breaks, seeps, and wetlands.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52833">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52833</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cumberland Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Bath, Estill, Lee, Menifee, Morgan, Powell, Rowan, Wolfe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Open lands across the Cumberland Ranger District to include less than 5% of the total District acreage.					
<b>System Trail Enhancement Project (STEP)</b> CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2018	Expected:02/2019 Actual: 02/28/2019	03/2019	Michael Smith 5017863667 michaelsmith@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Proposal to provide the USFS and agency partners with all of the available tools, or potential actions, needed to improve the sustainability of the District trail system				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54741">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54741</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cumberland Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Bath, Elliott, Estill, Mercer, Morgan, Powell, Rowan, Wolfe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All System trails on the Cumberland Ranger District.					

<b>Daniel Boone National Forest</b>	<b>London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
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<b>Daniel Boone National Forest</b>	<b>London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Dog Branch Road/Sinking Creek Bridge Reconstruction Special Use Authorization</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/18/2018	Expected:02/2019	02/2019	Thomas Kean 606-864-4163 tomkean@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is requesting a special use authorization to replace the existing bridge on Dog Branch School Road with one that meets				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54185">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54185</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Laurel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bridge over Sinking Creek on Dog Branch School Road.				
<b>Dog Branch School Road/Sinking Creek Bridge Reconstruction</b> CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2018	Expected:09/2018	09/2018	Thomas Kean 606-864-4163 tomkean@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is requesting a special use permit to replace the existing bridge that crosses Sinking Creek on Dog Branch School Road in Laurel County. The existing bridge is old and does not meet transportation codes.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Laurel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dog Branch School Road and Sinking Creek Bridge.				
<b>Hughes Fork Culvert Replacement for Aquatic Organism Passage</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Andrew Christensen 530-252-6480 atchristensen@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replace a degraded and failing culvert at Hughes Fork Crossing with a stream simulation crossing to allow passage of aquatic organisms (AOP), including fish, frogs, and amphibians.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53120">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53120</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hughes Fork Creek NFSR 4 at milepost 3.63 near the Turkey Foot Campground, between the towns of New Zion and McKee, Kentucky.				
<b>McKee Ridge KEWS Tower Replacement</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/13/2018	Expected:12/2018	12/2018	William Ryan 606-864-4163 wryan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Commonwealth of Kentucky proposes to replace an existing communications tower in McKee to upgrade its Kentucky Early Warning System (KEWS).				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53850">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53850</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. McKee Ridge, near the town of McKee, Kentucky.				

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<b>Pine Creek Forest Restoration Project</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/22/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2019	Expected:11/2019	12/2019	Jared Calvert 606-598-2192 x107 jaredcalvert@fs.fed.us
<p><b>Description:</b> This project area covers a total of 113,300 acres, with about 45,700 on NFS lands. The project will restore forest health and structure through vegetation management, improve wildlife habitat, and provide forest products for the local economy.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52341">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52341</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Laurel, Pulaski, Rockcastle. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area encompasses the Cromer Ridge as the northern boundary, south through Billows, Ano, and Mt. Victory, to the Cumberland River as the southern boundary.</p>					
<b>Wildlife Opening Maintenance Plan EA</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Special area management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> </ul>	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/13/2017	Expected:02/2019	02/2019	Beth Christensen 606-864-4163 bachristensen@fs.fed.us
<p><b>Description:</b> Project will analyze various methods of maintaining wildlife openings on the London District. Methods may include mowing, plowing &amp; planting, masticating, and/or prescribed burning. Currently, mowing is inadequate for proper management.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49086">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49086</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Jackson, Laurel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mill Creek Wildlife Management Area, south of McKee, Jackson Co., Kentucky, and Cane Creek Wildlife Management Area, west of London, Laurel County, Kentucky.</p>					

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<b>Daniel Boone National Forest</b>	<b>Redbird Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>American Electric Power Company Transmission Line Rebuild and Special Use Permit</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2017	Expected:10/2018	10/2018	Tricia Boles 606-598-2192 x 106 triciaboles@fs.fed.us
EA	<b>Description:</b> American Electric Power Co (AEP) needs to rebuild its existing Stinnett-Pineville power line by installing new infrastructure, increasing the right-of-way from 100' to 120', and obtaining a Special Use Permit. Five out of 28 miles of line is on DBNF.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Leslie. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The entire 28-mile power line rebuild goes from the Pineville Substation near Pineville, KY, to the Stinnet Substation near Stinnet, KY. Only 5 miles of the line is on NFS lands in Leslie County.				
<b>Jackson Energy Special Use Permit Consolidation and Re-Authorization</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2017	Expected:09/2017	09/2017	William Swilling 606-598-2192 x 116 wswilling@fs.fed.us
CE	<b>Description:</b> Jackson Energy has had many special use permits authorized over the past 50 years as their infrastructure has expanded. Many of these permits have expired. Consolidation of all JE permits into one new authorization for continued use is needed.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Bell, Clay, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Owsley, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne, Whitley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Jackson Energy has transmission lines across several counties in Kentucky, and across three districts of the DBNF (Stearns, London, and Redbird).				
<b>Kentucky Early Warning System Towers Special Use Authorization-Redbird Ranger District</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2018	Expected:09/2018	09/2018	Tricia Boles 606-598-2192 triciaboles@fs.fed.us
CE	<b>Description:</b> Special use authorizations have expired for two Kentucky Early Warning System (KEWS)towers on the Redbird Ranger District and need to be renewed. The KEWS provides emergency information from various federal, state, and local agencies to the public.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay, Leslie. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Clay County.				
<b>Little Double Culvert Replacement</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	William Swilling 606-598-2192 x 116 wswilling@fs.fed.us
CE	<b>Description:</b> Replace an existing culvert on Little Double Creek with a culvert that would allow fish, frogs, and amphibians better passage. The target benefitting species is the threatened Kentucky Arrow Darter found in this creek.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50189">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50189</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Main culvert on the Little Double Creek near Peabody Road, Big Creek, Kentucky.				

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<b>South Red Bird Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2019	Expected:11/2019	12/2019	Jared Calvert 606-598-2192 x107 jaredcalvert@fs.fed.us
<p><b>Description:</b> This is a wildlife habitat enhancement and forest restoration project that will incorporate vegetation management (including harvests, thinnings, and reforestation), prescribed fires, habitat improvement, trail re-routes, and road maintenance.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52340">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52340</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Bell, Clay, Knox, Leslie. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area covers approximately 55,000 acres, of which 32,300 acres are National Forest System (NFS) lands, within the Red Bird River Watershed near Big Creek, Kentucky.</p>					

<b>Daniel Boone National Forest</b>	<b>Stearns Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>	
<b>East Kentucky Power Cooperative Special Use Permit STE4062 Amendment</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:12/2019	10/2020	Laurie Smith 606-376-5323 lauriesmith@fs.fed.us
<p><b>Description:</b> Rebuilding the 69 kV Transmission Line under permit STE4062 that has a permitted right-of-way width of 100-feet and length of 8.6 miles on National Forest. Approximately 11 miles of access roads would be improved or constructed.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56083">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56083</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Stearns Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - McCreary. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Whitley City substation on the east side of US 27, 0.4-mile south of KY 478 in McCreary County to the Wofford substation located on the north side of KY 779, 0.4 miles west of KY 26 in Whitley County.</p>					

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