



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Daniel Boone National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*UPDATED*</p>	- 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 .					

Daniel Boone National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)	R8 - Southern Region
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Forest Plan Amendment EA	- Land management planning	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/08/2019	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Carin Vadala 859-745-3151 carinevadala@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53386					
Location: 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.					

Daniel Boone National Forest Cumberland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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Daniel Boone National Forest		Cumberland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
Blackwater Landscape Analysis EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/13/2019	Expected:08/2020	03/2021	Jeffrey Lewis 606-784-6428 jefflewis@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53403				
Location: 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.					
System Trail Enhancement Project (STEP) CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2018	Expected:08/2019 Actual: 08/16/2019 02/28/2019	08/2019	Michael Smith 5017863667 michaelsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54741				
Location: 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.					
Daniel Boone National Forest		London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
City of Barbourville Special Use Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 x 106 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
	Description: Renewal of the City of Barbourville's special use permit authorizing a water intake structure on a 0.5-acre site on the shoreline of Laurel River Lake and 1.4 miles of 18-inch water transmission pipeline across the DBNF.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57750				
Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Knox. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Daniel Boone National Forest near the City of Barbourville.					

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Daniel Boone National Forest	London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
City of McKee Special Use Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 x 106 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
Description: Combine 3 special use permits and reauthorize the City of McKee to operate and maintain a water treatment plant and associated infrastructure.					
Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. City of McKee, Kentucky, water treatment plant.					
Decision Memo for The Nature Conservancy Special Use Authorization for NFS Road 487a. CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
Description: This project authorizes The Nature Conservancy to use a Forest Service Road (NFSR 487a) to access its nearby properties. The TNC has requested this authorization in writing prior to transferring a property to the USFS.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58411					
Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System Road 487a near Tracts C-1206 and C110a in Jackson County, Kentucky. Coordinates: 37.23'17" N x 84.08'17" W.					
Dog Branch School Road/ Sinking Creek Bridge Reconstruction 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
Description: 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.					
Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Laurel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dog Branch School Road and Sinking Creek Bridge.					

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Hughes Fork Culvert and Aquatic Organism Passage Replacement CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/16/2019	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Andrew Christensen 530-252-6480 atchristensen@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: 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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53120</p> <p>Location: 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.</p>					
Pine Creek Forest Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	Completed	Actual: 01/13/2020	01/2020	Justin Coffey 606.864.4163 justin.coffey@usda.gov
<p>Description: 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>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52341</p> <p>Location: 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>					

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Daniel Boone National Forest	London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
Wildlife Opening Maintenance Plan EA EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Beth Christensen 606-864-4163 bachristensen@fs.fed.us
Description: Project will analyze various methods of maintaining wildlife openings on the London District. Methods may include mowing, plowing & planting, masticating, and/or prescribed burning. Currently, mowing is inadequate for proper management.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49086					
Location: 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.					

Daniel Boone National Forest	Redbird Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
American Electric Power Company Transmission Line Rebuild and Special Use Permit EA	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tricia Boles 606-598-2192 x 106 triciaboles@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Location: 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.					
Jackson Energy Special Use Permit Consolidation and Re-Authorization CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	William Swilling 606-598-2192 x 116 wswilling@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Location: 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).					

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Daniel Boone National Forest	Redbird Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
Kentucky Early Warning System Towers Special Use Authorization-Redbird Ranger District CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Tricia Boles 606-598-2192 triciaboles@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay, Leslie. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Clay County.				
Little Double Culvert Replacement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	William Swilling 606-598-2192 x 116 wswilling@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50189				
	Location: UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Main culvert on the Little Double Creek near Peabody Road, Big Creek, Kentucky.				
Mountain Enterprises Inc Special Use Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/27/2020	03/2020	Tricia Boles 606-598-2192 triciaboles@usda.gov
	Description: The Special Use Permit of Mountain Enterprises, Inc., a rock and aggregate quarry on the Redbird Ranger District, needs to be renewed. This is administrative only; no changes to the existing permit are proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57060				
	Location: UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Clay County, Kentucky.				

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South Red Bird Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/12/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	William Swilling 606-598-2192 wswilling@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: 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>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52340</p> <p>Location: 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>					

Daniel Boone National Forest	Stearns Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
East Kentucky Power Cooperative Special Use Permit STE4062 Amendment EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/06/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Laurie Smith 606-376-5323 lauriesmith@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: 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>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56083</p> <p>Location: 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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Flat Rock Ridge and Gobblers Arch Trail Reroutes CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/03/2020	Expected:07/2020	09/2020	Kathryn Fitzsimmons 606-376-5323 x125 kathryn.fitzsimmons@usda.gov
Description: The proposed project would reroute approximately 2,741 feet in two sections of trail #616 and approximately 2,049 feet in two sections of trail #636.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58142					
Location: UNIT - Stearns Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - McCreary. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trail #616 is on the Wiborg quadrangle, less than a quarter mile North of Hwy 27 Sheltowee Trace trailhead. Trail #636 is on the Bell Farm quadrangle, less than a quarter mile South of Hemlock Grove.					
STE5036-01 Personal Use Boat Ramp CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/03/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Kathryn Fitzsimmons 606-376-5323 x125 kathryn.fitzsimmons@usda.gov
Description: Issuing a special use permit (STE5036-01) to construct a walkway and personal use boat dock on National Forest System (NFS) lands to access Lake Cumberland from personal property					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58140					
Location: UNIT - Stearns Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - McCreary. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located in the Sawyer quadrangle, within a quarter of a mile of the USFS Noe's boat ramp.					

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