



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Daniel Boone National Forest

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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
<p>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</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</p>					
<p>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.</p>					

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

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Daniel Boone National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R8 - Southern Region
Forest Plan Amendment EA	- Land management planning	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/08/2019	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	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
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:03/2021	04/2021	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.					

Daniel Boone National Forest London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
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Daniel Boone National Forest	London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Bellsouth Special Use Permit Renewal For Telephone/Telegraph Lines CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/02/2020	09/2020	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
	Description: This project reauthorizes Bellsouth's special use permit which covers five different telephone lines (approximately 6.41 miles of line, covering 6.46 acres) providing service to communities in Whitley County, KY.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58644				
	Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Whitley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. There are five total lines along: Grove Road, Bark Camp, HWY 204, Red Bird Road and Jellico Creek Road. All are in Whitley County, KY.				
City of Barbourville Special Use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/26/2020	05/2020	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.				
City of McKee Special Use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/11/2020	03/2020	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.				

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Decision Memo for The Nature Conservancy Special Use Authorization for NFS Road 487a.	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 07/13/2020	08/2020	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
CE *UPDATED*	<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58411</p> <p>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.</p>				
Dog Branch School Road/Sinking Creek Bridge Reconstruction	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2018	Expected:09/2018	09/2018	Thomas Kean 606-864-4163 tomkean@fs.fed.us
CE	<p>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.</p> <p>Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Laurel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dog Branch School Road and Sinking Creek Bridge.</p>				
South Kentucky South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation Permit Amendment	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/06/2019	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
CE *NEW LISTING*	<p>Description: South Kentucky RECC (SKRECC) requests right of ways across National Forest System Land to provide power to multiple private residences in Pulaski County, KY.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59142</p> <p>Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Pulaski. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Starting at the Eastern Kentucky Power Company substation off Old Whitney Road in Pulaski County. 36.9982 N x 84.3958 W.</p>				

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Daniel Boone National Forest	London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
Upland Forest Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/20/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Jacob Royse 606-864-4163 ext 114 jroyse@fs.fed.us
Description: White pine stands planted in the 1960s-80s are overstocked, leading to slowed tree growth, insect damage and reduced tree vigor. We propose to remove white pine and enhance upland oak/shortleaf pine reforestation with fire and shortleaf pine planting					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58515					
Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Jackson, Laurel, Pulaski, Whitley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Scattered white pine plantations across the London Ranger District.					
Wildlife Opening Maintenance Plan EA EA	- 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.					

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Flatwoods Road Realignment Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 11/16/2020	12/2020	Tricia Boles 606-598-2192 triciaboles@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would realign approximately 280 feet of National Forest System (NFS) Road 1513A, also known as Flatwoods Road, onto NFS lands to avoid a small parcel of private land on which that section of road is currently situated.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59014				
	Location: UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Clay County, KY, NFS Road 1513A near mile point 2.6.				
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).				
Kentucky Early Warning System Towers Special Use Authorization-Redbird Ranger District CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	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.				

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Little Double Culvert Replacement and Aquatic Organism Passage CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	William Swilling 606-598-2192 x 116 wswilling@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace a failing culvert on Little Double Creek with concrete planks that will improve water flow, repair flood damage, and allow aquatic organism 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. On National Forest System Road 1501, approximately 0.25 miles from the Redbird Ranger Station, near Big Creek, Kentucky.				
South Red Bird Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 10/05/2020	Expected:12/2020	12/2020	William Swilling 606-598-2192 wswilling@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52340				
	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.				

Daniel Boone National Forest	Stearns Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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East Kentucky Power Cooperative Special Use Permit STE4062 Amendment	- Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/16/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Laurie Smith 606-376-5323 lauriesmith@fs.fed.us
EA *UPDATED*	<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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