



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

Daniel Boone National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	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
Forest Plan Amendment EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.				

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Daniel Boone National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Hinkle Land Exchange EA *NEW LISTING*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2021	Expected:01/2022	01/2022	Shiloh Benton 620-518-0369 shiloh.m.benton@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing a land exchange of four DBNF tracts, totaling 215 acres for four privately-owned tracts totaling 314 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Cumberland Ranger District, Stearns Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - McCreary, Morgan, Powell, Rowan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tracts are located in Morgan, Powell, Rowan, and McCreary Counties, Kentucky. Maps are attached to scoping letter.				

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: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/10/2021	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	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.					

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Daniel Boone National Forest	Cumberland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Red River Gorge Management Planning EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulations, Directives, Orders - Recreation management - Special area management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/24/2021	Expected:01/2022	02/2022	Michael Pope 859-745-3144 Michael.Pope@usda.gov
Description: Comprehensive River Management Plan & boundaries; designating campsites and trails, transportation, parking and visitor amenities, constructing boat launches and river access points, cliffside access stabilization, and forest supervisor's orders.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59892					
Location: UNIT - Cumberland Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Menifee, Powell, Wolfe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Red River Gorge:the 42,739 acre project area includes approximately 30,484 acres of the Red River Gorge Geological Area, Clifty Wilderness, Indian Creek, and the Red Wild and Scenic River.					

Daniel Boone National Forest	London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Dog Branch School Road/Sinking Creek Bridge Reconstruction CE	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.					
Elihu-Wofford Transmission Line Rebuild CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/29/2021	06/2021	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
Description: Replacement of 49 wooden pole structures with taller steel pole structures within the existing right of way to improve service and safety provided by the infrastructure.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59471					
Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Laurel, Pulaski, Whitley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Powerline corridor crossing the National Forest from Southeast Pulaski County through the Southern end of Laurel County into Northwest end of Whitley County.					

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Daniel Boone National Forest	London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Kentucky Utilities Line and Access Road Maintenance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	William Ryan 606-864-4163 wryan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Kentucky Utilities is requesting authorization to maintain its roads that access their utility lines. Many of these roads and some of lines have grown up with vegetation that needs to be cut and some roads may need to be leveled to be used safely.				
	Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Jackson, Laurel, Pulaski. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Power lines owned by Kentucky Utilities throughout the London Ranger District.				
South Kentucky South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation Permit Amendment CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/13/2021	05/2021	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59142				
	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.				
Upland Forest Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/20/2020	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	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.				

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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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	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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Keene's Fork Access Road Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Tricia Boles 606-598-2192 triciaboles@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize use of a road on National Forest System lands for the use of a commercial timber harvest on private lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Keene's North Fork Road off of Highway 1157, in Clay County, KY, on the southwest end of the Redbird District. Road length on National Forest is approximately 300 yards.				
Kentucky Early Warning System Towers Special Use Authorization-Redbird Ranger District CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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 and Aquatic Organism Passage CE	- 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.					
Redbird Crest Trail Partial Designation Change and Trail Widening Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2021	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Tricia Boles 606-589-2192 x 106 triciaboles@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Redbird Ranger District needs to respond to public interest for increasing the width on some segments of the Redbird Crest Trail to 64 inches. The trail currently has a designated width restriction of 50 inches which does not allow popular OHVs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60311				
Location: UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay, Leslie. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Involves 36 miles of the Redbird Crest Trail near Big Creek, Kentucky.					

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Redbird District Prescribed Fire Plan for Wildlife Habitat Improvement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/06/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	William Swilling 606-598-2192 wswilling@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	Description: The project will increase prescribed fire acreage on the Redbird District to improve wildlife habitat, rare plant communities, and overall forest health.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59958				
	Location: UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay, Leslie, Owsley, Perry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Up to 93,000 acres with small burn units in the central and southern portions of the Redbird Ranger District.				

Daniel Boone National Forest	Stearns Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
Curt Pond Wooded Grassland Restoration Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2021	Expected:06/2022	10/2022	Frank Metzmeier 606-376-5323 joemetzmeier@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: Restore native grasses and forbs in the Highway 751/Curt Pond Ridge area of the Stearns Ranger District. The project would restore, enhance, and maintain a wooded grassland/shrubland using prescribed fire, herbicide, and mechanical treatments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60434				
	Location: UNIT - Stearns Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Pulaski. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 751/Curt Pond Ridge area of the Stearns Ranger District.				
SKRECC Distribution Line Extension-Vanover Ridge Road CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/06/2021	05/2021	Andrea Felton 606-864-4163 x 120 andrea.felton@usda.gov
UPDATED	Description: Extend a distribution line approximately 1,053 feet long across national forest to a private residence. The new section of line would be located along Vanover Ridge Road and would follow the road corridor.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59594				
	Location: UNIT - Stearns Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - McCreary. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project area is located along Vanover Ridge Road, in McCreary County, Kentucky. It crosses U.S.A. Tract C-1005a.				

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