



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Daniel Boone National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	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 .				

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

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R8 - Southern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Regional Slow the Spread Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/05/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Christopher Jones 307-461-2884 christopher.d.jones@usda.gov
	Description: Aerial treatments of an exotic moth known as Lymantria dispar using mating disruption, Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki, Nucleopolyhedrosis virus, or their combination.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60529				
Location: UNIT - Cherokee National Forest All Units, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest All Units, National Forests In North Carolina All Units, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest All Units, Daniel Boone National Forest All Units, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest All Units. STATE - Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia. COUNTY - Bath, Habersham, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Mitchell, Montgomery, Onslow, Randolph, Stanly, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey, Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, McCreary, Madison, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe, Abbeville, Chester, Fairfield, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Union, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Monroe, Pickett, Scott, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Craven, Davidson, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Jones, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Chattahoochee, Cherokee, Daniel Boone, Sumter, Jefferson, Nantahala, Pisgah, Uwharrie, and Croatan National Forests and private, state, and other federal lands within their adjacent counties.					

Daniel Boone National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R8 - Southern Region
Restoring the White Fringeless Orchid on the Daniel Boone National Forest CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Claudia Cotton 859-745-3115 claudia.cotton@usda.gov
	Description: Restore white fringeless orchid habitat and adjacent upland habitat at various sites using check dams and groundwater dams, slope and streambank shaping for stream stability, edge feathering, and replanting nursery-grown plants if necessary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60787				
Location: UNIT - Daniel Boone National Forest All Units. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Currently there are 18 known locations on the London and Stearns Ranger Districts.					

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Daniel Boone National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Hinkle Land Exchange EA *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2021	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60132				
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	Completed	Actual: 09/03/2021	01/2022	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
Eric Wheeler (Access Road) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163x106 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
Description: Resurface and improve an existing roadbed across National Forest System lands to provide access to private property.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60658					
Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Pulaski. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Old roadbed that branches off of Bear Creek Road in Pulaski County, KY. National Forest System lands tract c-1685.					
Jason White (Access Road) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:11/2021	11/2021	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163x106 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
Description: Resurface and improve an existing roadbed across National Forest System lands to access private property.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60657					
Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Estill. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing roadbed crossing NFS lands tract c-4022a (37 34 28 N x 83 54 37 W).					

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Daniel Boone National Forest	London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
London Ranger Station Compound Reconstruction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 09/20/2021	10/2021	Jason Nedlo 606-864-4163 jason.nedlo@usda.gov
	Description: New configuration and highway expansion of US 25 in London, KY, requires demolition of existing district facilities and a new site with district office and support structures (office, parking, fire engine bay, law enforcement office, and storage bay)				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60613				
	Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Laurel. LEGAL - Not Applicable. DBNF, London Ranger Station, 761 South Laurel Road, London, KY. Laurel County.				
Upland Forest Restoration Project CE	- 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.				
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
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Daniel Boone National Forest	Redbird Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Lebanon Church Mowing and Outbuilding Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/21/2021	09/2021	Tricia Boles 606-598-2192 tricia.boles@usda.gov
	Description: The Lebanon United Baptist Church is asking for a special use permit to build two outbuildings and a playground set on NFS lands adjacent to their church property. They would also mow and maintain the grounds around the infrastructure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60788				
	Location: UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The church is located on Route 687 in Clay County, Kentucky.				
Little Double Culvert Removal and Aquatic Organism Passage CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 09/16/2021	09/2021	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 Size Limit Redesignation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	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	
Citipower Gas Pipeline Special Use Permit Amendment #1 CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Laurie Smith 606-376-5323 laurie.smith@usda.gov
NEW LISTING	Description: Construction of a 2-inch gas pipeline approximately 10,946 feet long with a right-of-way width of 10 feet wide equaling 2.5 acres. The pipeline would be buried within the existing roadways at a depth of 24 inches.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60750				
	Location: UNIT - Stearns Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - McCreary. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Wallow School Road (MC-526) and four unnamed access roads.				
Curt Pond Wooded Grassland Restoration Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/02/2021	Expected:06/2022	10/2022	Frank Metzmeier 606-376-5323 joemetzmeier@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	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.				

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Flat Rock Ridge and Sheltoewe Trace Trail Reroutes 2021 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/18/2021	08/2021	Laurie Smith 606-376-5323 laurie.smith@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing to reroute segments of the Flat Rock Ridge Trail (#616) and Sheltoewe Trace National Recreation Trail (#100, section 35).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60504				
	Location: UNIT - Stearns Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - McCreary. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Flat Rock Ridge trail is located on the Wiborg Quad map for McCreary County, KY. Sheltoewe Trace National Recreation Trail is located on the Barthell Quad map for McCreary County, KY.				

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