



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2022 to 06/30/2022

Daniel Boone National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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 .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

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

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Regional Slow the Spread Project EA	- 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 *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2021	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	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	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 01/13/2022	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	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.					
Kentucky Mesonet Climate Monitoring Stations Project CE *UPDATED*	- Research and Development	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/06/2022	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Mac Cherry (859) 745-3181 Mac.Cherry@usda.gov
	Description: Installation and maintenance of two Mesonet stations with soil moisture micro-networks on the Cumberland (CMB) and Red Bird (RED) Ranger Districts of the Daniel Boone National Forest (DBNF).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61131				
Location: UNIT - Cumberland Ranger District, Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay, Leslie, Menifee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. One site will be the Frenchburg Job Corp site in the Red River Gorge on the Cumberland Ranger District. The second site will be on the Redbird Ranger District next to the Peabody RAWS station.					

Daniel Boone National Forest	Cumberland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region			
Fire Restoration on the Cumberland Ranger District CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/07/2022	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Kelley Corbine 606-784-6428 kelley.corbine@usda.gov
	Description: Prescribed fire will be utilized to enhance oak and pine habitat and growth while controlling the encroachment of mesic species.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61254				
Location: UNIT - Cumberland Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Bath, Menifee, Morgan, Powell, Wolfe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project will occur throughout the Cumberland Ranger District on approximately 13,000 acres.					

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Morehead Utility Plant Board (MUPB) Water Withdrawal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/11/2019	Expected:02/2022	03/2022	Heather Ellison 352-625-2520 x2526 heather.ellison@usda.gov
Description: The MUPB is requesting the USFS amend their permit to add and maintain a new raw water transmission main(approximately 2,500' with 30'maintenance area)and an access road alongside the waterline. An area 50'wide may be used for construction.					
Location: UNIT - Cumberland Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Rowan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located near KY HWY 801 South approximately 3 miles south of the junction with US 60 in Farmers, Kentucky.					
Red River Gorge Management Planning and Comprehensive River Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Recreation management - Special area management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 01/14/2022	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Eric Dodd 606-359-0962 eric.dodd@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
Grove Marina Special Use Amendment: Dry Dock Road Expansion CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 01/19/2022	03/2022	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
Description: The project would expand Dry Dock Road, as requested by Grove Marina, to provide additional parking for the growing number of public visiting Laurel River Lake via Grove Marina.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61392					
Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Whitley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 3482 Grove Rd, Corbin KY 40701, tract LRL-700.					

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Daniel Boone National Forest	London Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Mt. Vernon-North London Transmission Line Rebuild CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2022	Expected:05/2022	07/2022	Donovan Epperson 606-864-4163 Donovan.Epperson@usda.gov
	Description: Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company (LG&E-KU) is proposing to complete certain construction activities in order to maintain its existing transmission line along the Mt. Vernon-North London Transmission Line.				
	Location: UNIT - London Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Laurel, Rockcastle. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mt. Vernon, Kentucky to London, Kentucky through Rockcastle and Laurel counties.				
Upland Forest Restoration / White Pine HFRA Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/10/2022	03/2022	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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Hector Mountain Salvage CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2022	Expected:03/2022	07/2022	Rick Laakman 5052313526 Rick.Laakman@usda.gov
Description: In February 2021, ice storms damaged tree stands on the Redbird District. The Hector Mountain project proposes commercial harvest of ice damaged trees (up to 250 acres) along with associated road activities on Forest Service lands.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61488					
Location: UNIT - Redbird Ranger District. STATE - Kentucky. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 6.5 miles West of the town of Big Creek in Clay County, Kentucky, and 4.9 miles east of Manchester, KY.					
Redbird District Prescribed Fire Plan for Wildlife Habitat Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/06/2021	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	William Swilling 606-598-2192 wswilling@fs.fed.us
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: Comment Period Public Notice 08/02/2021	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Frank Metzmeier 606-376-5323 joemetzmeier@fs.fed.us
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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