



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

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Southern Region Cave and Underground Abandoned Mine Closure CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 06/14/2019	06/2019	Dennis Krusac 404-347-4338 dkrusac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Short-term (up to 2 years) closure order for all caves and abandoned mines in the Southern Region (2 exceptions)to minimize transmission potential of the fungus that continues to cause white nose syndrome in bats that has affected populations.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56195				
Location: UNIT - Cherokee National Forest All Units, National Forests In Florida All Units, Kisatchie National Forest All Units, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest All Units, National Forests In North Carolina All Units, National Forests In Mississippi All Units, Ouachita National Forest All Units, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest All Units, National Forests In Texas All Units, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area All Units, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest Units, Daniel Boone National Forest All Units, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest All Units, National Forests in Alabama All Units, Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia. COUNTY - Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Blount, Bullock, Butler, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Cleburne, Coffee, Colbert, Conecuh. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Region-wide except El Yunque NF and Blanchard Springs Cavern in AR.					

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Foothills Landscape Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/30/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2019	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Stephanie Israel 770-297-3095 sisrael@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to maintain or restore biologic integrity, connectivity, resilience, and soil and water quality on the 143,419 acres of the Foothills Landscape. www.tinyurl.com/foothillslandscapecollaborate				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52509				
Location: UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District, Blueridge Ranger District, Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Dawson, Fannin, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Rabun, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. It includes a portion of the Cohutta WMA, and Dawson, Fannin, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Rabun and White Counties.					

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Blueridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Aska Beginner Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Towdy Tipton (706)745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54784				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Fannin county.					
Big Stamp Overflow Parking at Springer Mountain CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Towdy Tipton (706)745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54783				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Union and Fannin county.					

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Bryant Creek Re-route and Foot Bridge Replacement - BRRD CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Towdy Tipton 706-745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-route and replace foot bridge at Bryant Creek. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53699				
	Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bryant Creek in Union County, Georgia.				
Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Treatment Project (BRRD) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 06/05/2019	06/2019	Jason McGaughey 706-745-6928 jasonamcgaughey@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to reduce the risk and extent of Emerald Ash Borer infestation, to the extent possible, preserve ash genetics, increase the resiliency, restore ecological integrity where feasible, and provide for public safety. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55849				
	Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Lumpkin, Rabun, Towns, Union, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area includes areas located within the designated insect and disease areas on the Chattahoochee National Forests.				
Fannin Counter Water Authority CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/09/2019	07/2019	Towdy Tipton 706-745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fannin County Water Authority has submitted a request to install a water line across National Forest System lands to supply potable water to residents living at the end of Lake Cove Road. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55819				
	Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fannin County Water Authority has submitted a request to install a water line across National Forest System lands to supply potable water to residents living at the end of Lake Cove Road.				

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Lake Winfield Scott Utility Expansion CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/03/2019	05/2019	Towdy Tipton towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: The permit holder has requested approval to complete utility upgrades for South Loop campsites 12-15. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55982				
	Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District in Union county, GA.				
Lake Winfield Scott Water & Electric Expansion CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Towdy Tipton (706)745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54781				
	Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Union county, Georgia.				
Outfitter/Guide Permits CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/15/2019	09/2019	Towdy Tipton 706-745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Outfitter/Guide Permits for the Blue Ridge RD. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50442				
	Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Union County, GA.				
Right-of-way Road Use Modifications CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Towdy Tipton (706)745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54791				
	Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Union and Fanning counties.				

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Salvage/Sanitization Right-of-way Harvest CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Towdy Tipton (706)745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54782				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Union county, Georgia.					
Special Use Permit (SUP) for New Vision Wilderness East CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Joshua O'Neal 706-745-6928 joshuaoneal@fs.fed.us
	Description: New Vision Wilderness East is requesting issuance of a special use authorization for a three year term to conduct guided backpacking and camping trips within the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55807				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Lumpkin, Union, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. New Vision Wilderness East is requesting issuance of a special use authorization for a three year term to conduct guided backpacking and camping trips within the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest.					
Two Lakes Accessible Trails Project-BRRD CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/16/2018	Expected:08/2019	06/2020	Towdy Tipton 706-745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct accessible trails at Lake Blue Ridge on the Blue Ridge RD.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50441				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Towns. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District in Fannin and Town Counties, Georgia.					

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Union County Target Range Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/15/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Nelson Gonzalez-Sullow 770-297-3051 nelsongonzalezsullow@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action consists of authorizing Union County Government to construct a target range on National Forest lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54559				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Proposed site for this project is located off Hwy 180 between mile markers 18 and 19 on Landlot 212, District 16, Sec. 1 south of FS Road 292 and consists of approximately 15 acres of NFS 15 acres.					

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Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Treatment Project (CRRD) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 06/05/2019	06/2019	Jason McGaughey 706-745-6928 jasonamcgaughey@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to reduce the risk and extent of Emerald Ash Borer infestation, to the extent possible, preserve ash genetics, increase the resiliency, restore ecological integrity where feasible, and provide for public safety.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56208				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Lumpkin, Rabun, Towns, Union, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area includes areas located within the designated insect and disease areas on the Chattahoochee National Forests.					
Haywood EMC Distribution Line - Glade Road CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/26/2018	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Blaine Boydston 706-754-6221 bboydstun@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install distribution line on Glad Road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53653				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Glad Road in Rabun County, Georgia.					

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Installation of tower by Southern Linc Wireless at Glassy Mtn. Communications Site - SUP CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/18/2018	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Blaine Boydston 706-754-6221 bboydstun@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install a tower at Glassy Mtn. Communications Site by Southern Linc Wireless				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52604				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Glassy Mtn. Communications Site in Rabun County, GA.					
Non-motorized trail improvement in the Chattooga River Ranger District CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/20/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Blaine Boydston 706-754-6221 bboydstun@fs.fed.us
	Description: This trail improvement project is located in the Chattooga River Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55463				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These trail maintenance projects are located in the Chattooga River Ranger district.					
Outfitter/Guide - James Hames III for Guided Horse Riding - CRRD CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Blaine Boydston 706-754-6221 bboydstun@fs.fed.us
	Description: Outfitter/Guide permit for guided horseback riding tours.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53118				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, Rabun, Stephens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Habersham, Rabun and Stephens Counties, GA on the Chattahoochee National Forest.					
Outfitter/Guide - New Vision East (Blue Ridge and Chattooga River Ranger Districts) CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Blaine Boydston 706-754-6221 bboydstun@fs.fed.us
	Description: Outfitter/Guide SUP (New Vision East)				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52127				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Lumpkin, Union, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple counties in Georgia.					

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Outfitter/Guide - Outdoor Climbing Adventures, LLC for use of Currahee Mountain - CRRD CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Blaine Boydston 706-754-6221 bboydstun@fs.fed.us
	Description: Outfitter/Guide permit for use of Currahee Mountain on the Chattahoochee National Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53119				
	Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Stephens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Stephens County, GA on the Chattahoochee National Forest.				
Satolah Fire House Relocation - Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Blaine Boydston 706-754-6221 bboydstun@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate the Satolah Fire House on Forest Service land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50856				
	Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rabun County, Georgia.				
Soque River Fishing Pier - CRRD CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2020	David Vinson 706-782-3320 dvinson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Soque River fishing pier on the CRRD. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53654				
	Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Soque River located in Habersham County, Georgia.				

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Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Conasauga Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
FY19 Conasauga Prescribed Burn Planning Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 04/04/2019	04/2019	Jeffrey Schardt 706-695-6736 jrschardt@fs.fed.us
	Description: The CRD is proposing prescribed burning to reduce hazardous fuels accumulations. enhance forest health, improve wildlife habitat diversity, and benefit a rare plant population on approximately 2,991 acres of NF system land in Murray and Fanning Co.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55183				
Location: UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Murray. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Murray and Fanning Counties, Georgia.					
Mill Creek/Rocky Flats aquatic passage project CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 04/01/2019	09/2020	Ruth Stokes 706-695-6736 rbstokes@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Conasauga RD is proposing to improve aquatic organism passage and reduce sedimentation on Mill Creek in Murray County, Georgia.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54233				
Location: UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Murray. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located on Mill Creek in Murray County, Georgia.					
Ocoee Trailride -Conasauga RD CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Jerome Bennett 770-297-2936 jeromebennett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Outfitter guide for the Ocoee Trailride on the Conasauga RD.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54999				
Location: UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Murray. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in Murray County, Georgia and part of Polk County, Tennessee.					

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Storey Mill Creek Forest Health and Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/28/2018	Expected:09/2019	01/2020	Justin Seaborn 706-695-6736 jdseaborn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project stands are located in the Storey Mill Creek watershed and include Compartments 946 and 948 on the east side of Taylor's Ridge south of US Highway 27. All treatment areas are considered wildland urban interface (WUI).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55168				
Location: UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Chattooga. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The analysis area for this project includes National Forest System lands on the Armuchee unit of the Conasauga Ranger District in Chattooga County, Georgia within the HFRA section 602 designated treatment area.					

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Oconee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Ocmulgee Bluff Equestrian Trail Maintenance CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/19/2018	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Jeff McDonald 770-485-7110, Ext. 103 jmcdonald@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to install a trail bridge along the Ocmulgee Bluff Equestrian Trail, at Crows Creek, Oconee Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51179				
Location: UNIT - Oconee Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Jasper. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Jasper County, Monticello, Georgia, south to the intersection of Highway 83 and the Ocmulgee River.					
Town Creek ATV Trail Improvement Project. CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/26/2018	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Jeff McDonald 770-485-7110, Ext. 103 jmcdonald@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to install a boardwalk, install 3 small bridges and harden approximately 300 ft. of trail surface (The Project) across creeks, tributaries and wet depressions intersecting the Town Creek ATV Trail (TCATV).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51180				
Location: UNIT - Oconee Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Greene. LEGAL - Not Applicable. , FSR1241 between Penfield Road and Hensley Road surrounding Town Creek, 12 miles north of Greensboro, Greene County, Georgia.					

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