



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

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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
	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 .				

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) R8 - Southern Region

Research to study the genetic potential and horticultural performance of Aronia arbutifolia CE *NEW LISTING*	- Research and Development	Completed	Actual: 08/06/2020	08/2020	Nelson Gonzalez-Sullow 770-297-3051 nelson.gonzalez-sullow@usda.gov
	Description: A research to study the genetic potential and horticultural performance of Aronia arbutifolia.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58679				
Location: UNIT - Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest All Units. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Chattooga, Cherokee, Fannin, Habersham, Jasper, Murray, Walker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. A research to study the genetic potential and horticultural performance of Aronia arbutifolia.					

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Research to study the skin pH of the Appalachian Salamanders in the National Forest. CE *NEW LISTING*	- Research and Development	Completed	Actual: 07/15/2020	09/2020	Nelson Gonzalez-Sullow 770-297-3051 nelson.gonzalez-sullow@usda.gov
	Description: A proposal to study the skin pH of the Appalachian Salamanders in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests (CONF).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58677				
Location: UNIT - Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest All Units. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, Rabun, Stephens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. A proposal to study the skin pH of the Appalachian Salamanders in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests (CONF).					

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Foothills Landscape Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/11/2019	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	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 157,625 acres of the Foothills Landscape. More at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Foothills				
	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.					

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2020 Fall Recreation Events CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Warren Carver 706-745-6928 warren.carver@usda.gov
	Description: The recreation events are going to be conducted in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58648				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The creation events are going to be located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.					
FY2020 Special Use Permits - BRRD CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/31/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Towdy Tipton 706-745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Three special use permit in BRRD.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57588				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Lumpkin, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in BRRD.					
Toccoa Salvage #2 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 07/27/2020	07/2020	Kevin Bridges 706-745-6928 kbridges@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58563				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.					

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Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Chattooga River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Adventures in Horseback SUP CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Barbara Ramey 706-754-6221 barbara.ramey@usda.gov
	Description: An applicant is requesting authorization to use the National Forest for outfitter/guided horse riding and camping.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57276				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Rabun county in Georgia.					
Chattooga River R.D. FY 2020 Prescribe Burning CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Amy McClave 706-754-6221 amy.mcclave@usda.gov
	Description: The project is located in the Chattooga River RD.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56866				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, Rabun, Stephens, White. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Chattooga River RD.					
Daniel's Discovery Tours Shady Creek Expeditions SUP CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Barbara Ramey 706-754-6221 barbara.ramey@usda.gov
	Description: An applicant is requesting authorization to use National Forest lands for a variety of outfitter and guided uses, including hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, mountain bike riding and waterfall hikes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57277				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Rabun county, Georgia.					

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Outfitter/Guide - Daniel's Discovery Tours CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Barbara Ramey 928-348-1973 barbara.ramey@usda.gov
	Description: The project is located in the Chattooga River RD.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56865				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Habersham, Rabun, Stephens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the CRRD.					
Outfitter/Guide - James Hames III for Guided Horse Riding CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Barbara Ramey 928-348-1973 barbara.ramey@usda.gov
	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 - Rob McLarty for Guided Hikes using Bartram Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Barbara Ramey 706-754-6221 barbara.ramey@usda.gov
	Description: An applicant is requesting authorization to use the Bartram Trail (the Georgia section in Rabun County) for outfitter/guided hiking and camping trips.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56952				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Rabun county, Georgia.					

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Satolah Fire House Relocation - Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/29/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Barbara Ramey 706-754-6221 barbara.ramey@usda.gov
	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 CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	David Vinson 706-782-3320 dtvinson@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.					

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Conasauga Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
John's Mountain WMA wildlife and trails proposals CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/11/2020	01/2021	Ruth Stokes 706-695-6736 ruth.stokes@usda.gov
	Description: The USFS and GA DNR are proposing to cooperatively construct and maintain 8-10 acres of new permanent wildlife opening in the Johns Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA), in compartment 915 and 916 near Pocket County Rd and USFS Rd 232 and 233.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58466				
Location: UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Walker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the CRD, in the Johns Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA), in compartment 915 and 916 near Pocket County Rd and USFS Rd 232 and 233.					

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Mulberry Gap Pinhoti Trail Parking Lot CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/09/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Karen Larsen 706-695-6736 karen.larsen@usda.gov
	Description: The project is located in the Conasauga Ranger District. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57857				
	Location: UNIT - Conasauga Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Gilmer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the Conasauga RD.				
Storey Mill Creek Forest Health and Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/28/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2020	Expected:03/2021	05/2021	Cheyenne Adamonis 706-695-6736 cheyenne.adamonis@usda.gov
	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.				

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Oconee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Research to study the development and reproductive physiology of Eastern Fence Lizards. CE *NEW LISTING*	- Research and Development	Completed	Actual: 08/03/2020	08/2020	Nelson Gonzalez-Sullow 770-297-3051 nelson.gonzalez-sullow@usda.gov
	Description: A research to study the development and reproductive physiology of Eastern Fence Lizards. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58678				
	Location: UNIT - Oconee Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Chattooga, Cherokee, Jasper, Murray, Walker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. A research to study the development and reproductive physiology of Eastern Fence Lizards.				

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