



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
--------------	-----------------	-----------------	----------	-------------------------	-----------------

Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.	- 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
EIS	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, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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:08/2021	12/2021	Stephanie Israel 770-297-3095 stephanie.israel@usda.gov
	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.					

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Blueridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
2020 Fall Recreation Events CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2020	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	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	Completed	Actual: 06/12/2020	07/2020	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.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Blueridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Helton Creek Falls Trail Rehab CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 12/04/2020	03/2021	Warren Carver 706-745-6928 warren.carver@usda.gov
	Description: This project is needed to provide for user safety and visitor satisfaction for the Helton Creek Falls Trail on the Blue Ridge Ranger District. The proposed project consists of maintenance activities of trail and walkways.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59215				
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located on Union county in the Blue Ridge Ranger District.					
Rock Creek Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Towdy Tipton 706-745-6928 towdytipton@fs.fed.us
	- Watershed management				
	Description: The location of the proposed project area is south of Forest Service Road 69E (Totem Pole) and east of Forest Service Road 69 (Rock Creek).				
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59189					
Location: UNIT - Blueridge Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Fannin, Lumpkin, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The location of the proposed project area is south of Forest Service Road 69E (Totem Pole) and east of Forest Service Road 69 (Rock Creek).					

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Chattooga River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Chattooga River R.D. Fiscal Year (FY21) Prescribed Fire Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/13/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Amy McClave 706-754-6221 amy.mcclave@usda.gov
	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)				
	- Fuels management				
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.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Chattooga River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Daniel's Discovery Tours Shady Creek Expeditions SUP CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	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.					
Lake Russell Rare Plant Habitat Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Gregg Slezak 706-754-6221 gregg.slezak@usda.gov
	Description: The 1,300 acre Lake Russell Rare Plant Habitat Improvement Project is located within the Lake Russell Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Stephens County, Georgia.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59178				
Location: UNIT - Chattooga River Ranger District. STATE - Georgia. COUNTY - Stephens. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Proposed activities would occur within Compartment 215 & portions of Compartments 210, 214, & 216. The project is located in Stephens County, Georgia.					
Outfitter-Guide - Rob McLarty for Guided Hikes using Bartram Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	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.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Chattooga River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Outfitter/Guide - Daniel's Discovery Tours CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Barbara Ramey 706-754-6221 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:05/2021	06/2021	Barbara Ramey 706-754-6221 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 Adventures in Horseback SUP CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	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 - Habersham, Rabun. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in Rabun county in Georgia.					
Satolah Fire House Relocation - Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/29/2019	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	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.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Chattooga River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Soque River Fishing Pier CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	David Vinson 706-754-6221 david.vinson@usda.gov
	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
Mulberry Gap Pinhoti Trail Parking Lot CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/09/2020	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	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: Comment Period Public Notice 10/26/2020	Expected:02/2021	01/2022	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 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.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
--------------	-----------------	-----------------	----------	-------------------------	-----------------

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.