



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2019 to 03/31/2019

Cherokee National Forest

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| Cherokee National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) | | | | | R8 - Southern Region |
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| Forest Landscape Adaptive Management Environmental Assessment (FLAME Assessment) EA | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | In Progress: Scoping Start 09/25/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019 | Expected:04/2020 | 05/2020 | Mark Healey 540-885-8028 mahealey@fs.fed.us |
| Description: The intent of this project is to produce a landscape scale project that would support the use of mechanical, herbicide and prescribed fire treatments in appropriate forest communities, across the entire Cherokee National Forest landscape. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53856 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Cherokee National Forest All Units. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cherokee National Forest. | | | | | |

| Cherokee National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) | | | | | R8 - Southern Region |
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| Restoration of Dry Forest Communities on the South Zone of the Cherokee National Forest EA *NEW LISTING* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2019 | Expected:10/2019 | 12/2019 | Mark Pistrang 423-476-9757 fs-comments-southern-chokeetellico@fs.fed.us |
| Description: To implement management actions to restore "departed" plant communities found within "dry" forest types to their ecological potential. A variety of activities may be used such as: prescribed fire, herbicides, and mechanical and manual treatments. | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District, Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - McMinn, Monroe, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Entire SZ of the CNF. | | | | | |

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| Cherokee National Forest | Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | R8 - Southern Region | |
| Childers Creek River Cane Restoration CE *NEW LISTING* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2019 | Expected:04/2019 | 07/2019 | Janan Hay 423-253-8405 fs-comments-southern-chokeee-ocoeo-hiwassee@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Currently the area is being treated for NNIS. Once the treated is completed it is proposed to use a combination of mechanical treatments(girdling, felling) and fire to create more favorable habitat conditions for the existing river cane to expand. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55135 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Childers Creek Road approximately .5 mile east of Hwy 30 at the Childers Creek parking area(fishing access point on the Hiwassee River). | | | | | |
| Compartment 167 Commercial Thinning CE *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products | Completed | Actual: 11/13/2018 | 03/2019 | Janan Hay 423-253-8405 fs-comments-southern-chokeee-ocoeo-hiwassee@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Commercially thin approximately 69 acres. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54210 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 167 near Ditney Mountain off NFSR 66. | | | | | |

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| Dinkey EA *UPDATED* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management | Completed | Actual: 12/03/2018 12/07/2017 | 03/2019 | Janan Hay 423-253-8405 fs-comments-southern-choke-ocoe- hiwassee@fs.fed.us |
| <p>Description: The project is designed to improve or maintain wildlife habitat, species diversity of stands, and forest health through vegetation management and other treatments.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43080</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of Big Frog Wilderness, west of State Highway 68, south of State Highway 64 and north of the Georgia state line.</p> | | | | | |
| Raft 1 Outfitter and Guide CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2018 | Expected:03/2019 | 04/2019 | Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments-southern-choke-ocoe- hiwassee@fs.fed.us |
| <p>Description: Applicant is proposing to use NFS land to conduct guided mountain biking, hiking, running, and lake tours. Various designated trailheads and trails proposed based on type of tour. Stand-up paddle board tours would occur on Lake Ocoee via NFSR 33210.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55133</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations on the District. See maps.</p> | | | | | |

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| Cherokee National Forest Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R8 - Southern Region |
| Starr Mountain Outfitter and Guide CE | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 04/12/2018 | Expected:05/2018 | 06/2018 | Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments-southern-choke-ocoe- hiwassee@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Ocoee Horseride LLC submitted a proposal to conduct outfitter and guide service on three trails (NFST 104, 105, and 119) in the Starr Mountain Horse Trail System. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53490 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - McMinn, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Starr Mountain Horse Trail System east of Etowah TN. | | | | | |
| Stephens Access Road CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2019 | Expected:05/2019 | 06/2019 | Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments-southern-choke-ocoe- hiwassee@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Applicant has requested access across NFS lands to an inholding that is completely surrounded. An existing route at the end of NFSR 366C is in place but has grown up and is not drivable. Heavy equipment would be used to clear this 150 ft. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of Hwy 30 and North of Hwy 64 in the Vicinity of the 4-H camp. | | | | |
| TDEC Ocoee River Sites CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2019 | Expected:04/2019 | 05/2019 | Debbie Abel 423-476-9723 fs-comments-southern-choke-ocoe- hiwassee@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Issue a Special Use Permit to TDEC to take over the operations, maintenance and improvement/replacement of USDA Forest Service, Ocoee River Water Access Facilities %u2013 Big Creek Launch, Rogers Branch Launch and Upper Put-In. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Three locations on the Ocoee River with access from Highway 64. | | | | |

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| Cherokee National Forest Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R8 - Southern Region |
| VEC Parksville Lake Overhead Line Removal CE | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 04/12/2018 | Expected:05/2018 | 06/2018 | Terinda Whisenant 423-496-0103 fs-comments-southern-choke-ocoe- hiwassee@fs.fed.us |
| Description: VEC would like to remove 850 ft. of overhead line near the Ocoee Marina. The line would be replaced with 227 ft. of buried cable adjacent to the Marina parking area. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53489 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. At Ocoee Marina on Highway 64. | | | | | |

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| Cherokee National Forest Tellico Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R8 - Southern Region |
| Cranbrook Schools Outfitter and Guide CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2018 | Expected:02/2019 | 03/2019 | Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments-southern-choke-tellico@fs.fed.us |
| Description: A proposal to O&G backpacking trips in the Citico Creek Wilderness has been submitted. A base camp is proposed at Citico 13 campsite. Numerous trails proposed to be used to introduce approximately 90 students each March to wilderness backpacking. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55132 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Monroe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Citico Creek Wilderness and Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Addition Wilderness Study Area. | | | | | |

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| Cherokee National Forest Tellico Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R8 - Southern Region |
| Fort Loudoun Electric Cooperative Line Relocation CE | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 05/14/2018 | Expected:06/2018 | 07/2018 | Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments-southern-chokeetellico@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: FLEC has proposed to relocate a distribution line in the Indian Boundary Recreation Area. Approximately 500 ft. of aerial cable will be removed and then 1,000 feet of aerial cable and 200 ft. of buried would be installed along NFSR 345H1 and 345H. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53524 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Monroe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along NFSR 345H1 and 345H in Indian Boundary Recreation Area. | | | | | |
| Monroe County 911 Waucheesi Repeater CE | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2017 | Expected:11/2017 | 12/2017 | Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments-southern-chokeetellico@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Issue a permit to Monroe County to add a repeater with rack, antenna, transmission lines and backup at an existing Communication Site building and tower on Waucheesi Mountain. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50922 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Monroe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Waucheesi Mountain Electronic Site. | | | | | |

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| Big Pine and Green Knob Slashdown Project CE *NEW LISTING* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2018 | Expected:01/2019 | 03/2019 | Jonathan Lampley 423-783-2416 jlampley@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project is proposing a combination of midstory and crop tree treatments as well as prescribed burning. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54892 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Unicoi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Unicoi County, Tennessee. | | | | | |

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| Cherokee National Forest Unaka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R8 - Southern Region |
| Buffalo Mountain Bike Trails Project CE | - Recreation management | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2018 | Expected:08/2018 | 09/2018 | Matthew Fusco 423-735-1564 mjfusco@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project proposes the establishment of approximately 5.05 miles of trail that are currently existing on the ground. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53858 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Unicoi, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Buffalo Mountain. | | | | | |
| Cherry Gap Slashdown Project CE | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | In Progress: Scoping Start 07/14/2017 | Expected:08/2017 | 09/2017 | Jonathan Lampley 423-783-2416 jlampley@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Non-commercially thin and prescribe burn approximately 113 acres in Compartment 344. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52216 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Unicoi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 344. | | | | | |
| Hartford Wastewater Testing Project CE | - Research and Development | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Jonathan Lampley 404-347-5264 jlampley@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Prepare a study for determination of an area with adequate suitability for beneficial re-use of treated wastewater. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52656 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Cocke. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cocke County, TN. | | | | | |
| Max Patch Improvement Project CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA. | | 09/2018 | Cheryl Summers 423-638-4109 csummers@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Replace the existing kiosk with a 3-panel kiosk and construct a 200 foot split rail fence that will start about 25 feet behind the kiosk. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54395 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Cocke. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Max Patch. | | | | | |

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| Meadow Creek Environmental Assessment EA *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management | In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/04/2018 | Expected:01/2019 | 02/2019 | Jonathan Lampley 404-347-5264 jlampley@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Create early successional habitat, improve forest health and vigor, promote mast-producing species, prescribed burning, wildlife habitat improvements, and maintain, decommission, and authorize roads. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47468 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Cocke, Greene. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Meadow Creek analysis area is located in southeastern Cocke and southwestern Greene counties, TN. | | | | | |
| Paint Creek Soil & Water Improvement Project CE *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management | Completed | Actual: 10/31/2018 | 11/2018 | Marcia Carter (423) 638-4109 mscarter@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project focuses on controlling illegal access and rehabilitating disturbed, eroding or compacted areas in Paint Creek. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54166 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Greene. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Paint Creek. | | | | | |
| Rich Mountain Prescribed Burning Project CE *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/10/2018 | Expected:12/2018 | 03/2019 | John Ingram 423-783-2408 jbingram@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project is proposing to conduct understory maintenance burning to promote open woodland conditions, create a mixed hardwood/pine system, reduce hazardous fuels, and improve wildlife habitat. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54792 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Unicoi, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartments 380-382 and 384. | | | | | |

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| Wolf Creek Rx Burn CE | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2015 | Expected:10/2015 | 11/2015 | Greg Salansky 423-638-8731 gregsalansky@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: provide fuel reduction, stimulate new vegetation growth, & increase soft mast and herbaceous plants for wildlife; dormant and early growing season | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Cocke. LEGAL - Not Applicable. C232 and 239. | | | | |

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| Cherokee National Forest | Watauga Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | R8 - Southern Region |
| Grindstone Knob RX Burn CE | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | In Progress: Scoping Start 12/29/2015 | Expected:02/2016 | 03/2016 | 404-347-5264 jlampley@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Understory maintenance burning to improve habitat conditions for wildlife and reduce hazardous fuels. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48351 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 51 and 52. | | | | |
| White Rocks Mountain Horse Trail Project CE | - Recreation management | In Progress: Scoping Start 07/27/2018 | Expected:09/2018 | 09/2018 | Keith Kelley 573-996-2153 kpkelley@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project proposes a multiple loop horse trail in the White Rocks / Walnut Mountain / Roan Mountain area to provide recreational opportunities and economic growth opportunities for the community of Roan Mountain | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54416 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Walnut Mountain. | | | | |

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