



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

Cherokee National Forest

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

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.					

Cherokee National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

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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.					

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Cherokee National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Restoration of Dry Forest Communities on the South Zone of the Cherokee National Forest EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/25/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Mark Pistrang 423-476-9757 fs-comments-southern-chokeee-tellico@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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55303				
Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District, Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - McMinn, Monroe, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Entire SZ of the CNF.					

Cherokee National Forest	Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Childers Creek River Cane Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/08/2019	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Janan Hay 423-253-8405 fs-comments-southern-chokeee-ocoe- 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).					

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Raft 1 Outfitter and Guide CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/29/2019	04/2019	Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments- southern-chokeee- ocoee- hiwassee@fs.fed.us
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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55133					
Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations on the District. See maps.					
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-chokeee- ocoee- 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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments- southern-chokeee- ocoee- 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.					

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TDEC Ocoee River Sites CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/08/2019	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Debbie Abel 423-476-9723 fs-comments- southern-chokeee- ocoee- 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55243					
Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Three locations on the Ocoee River with access from Highway 64.					
Upper Cookson Branch Habitat Enhancement CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 05/31/2019	08/2019	Janan Hay 423-253-8405 comments-southern- chokeee-ocoee- hiwassee@fs.fed.us
Description: Improve streams and stabilize channels to accommodate fish passage and the watershed.					
Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cookson Branch.					
VEC Parksville Lake Overhead Line Removal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/29/2019	06/2018	Terinda Whisenant 423-496-0103 fs-comments- southern-chokeee- ocoee- 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
Fort Loudoun Electric Cooperative Line Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/29/2019	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/29/2019	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.					
Towee TSI CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:09/2019	03/2020	Janan Hay 423-253-8405 fs-comments-southern-chokeetellico@fs.fed.us
	Description: Manual TSI slashdown and leave on approximately 5,600 acres of selected stands. Approximately 239 stands would have non-preferred wildlife trees in the 1-12 inch (229 stands, 5,157 ac) or 1-5 inch (10 stands, 482 ac) DBH range cut and left on site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55764				
Location: UNIT - Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Monroe, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Vicinity of Cataska Mountain, Pine Mountain and Borin Top.					

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Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Remediation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Heritage resource management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/11/2019	Expected:06/2019	08/2019	Janan Hay 423-253-8405 comments-southern- cherokee- tellico@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remediate damage to a 1 mi. portion of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55431				
Location: UNIT - Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Monroe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Coker Creek TN vicinity between Joe Brown Highway and Unicoi Lakes Road.					

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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.					

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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.					
Meadow Creek Environmental Assessment EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/18/2019	05/2019	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.					
Rich Mountain Prescribed Burning Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 06/03/2019	10/2019	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.					
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.					
Holston Mountain Slashdown Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/20/2019	Expected:03/2019	09/2019	Jonathan Lampley 423-783-2416 jlampley@fs.fed.us
Description: This project focuses on moving the stands toward a more open woodland condition, with pockets of mature timber with grassy herbaceous layers, and a mosaic feature of pine/oak regeneration.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55672					
Location: UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter, Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Furnace Branch, Lock Ridge and Rutter Ridge					
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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